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Alan Dudeck, in hat, stepfather of Oliver Martin, hugs an unidentified friend of Oliver's yesterday as Susan Martin, Oliver's mother, is overcome with emotion after speaking to the media. After nearly a month with little to no leads into the shooting of Oliver Martin and Dylan Ellis, Martin and Dudeck made an appeal for information. Story, page 3.

# G8 gasbags: Experts

## Analysts say climate pact 'woefully inadequate'

**Prime Minister Stephen Harper worked to ensure the Group of Eight leaders produced a climate change agreement that did not contain overly ambitious goals for cutting greenhouse gases, a senior Canadian government official says.**

G8 leaders meeting here put aside their differences to reach an accord on tackling climate change, but environmental groups blasted the agreement as woefully inadequate to tackle one of the globe's most challenging problems.

Along with Canada, the United States, Japan, Russia, Britain, Italy, Germany and France agreed to work toward a goal of cutting the worldwide emissions that cause global warming by at least 50 per cent by 2050.

But analysts said the agreement was badly weakened because it does not stipulate a base year to measure the extent of emissions reductions needed to reach the goal of 50 per cent cuts by 2050. A senior Canadian official confirmed the G8 will leave it to each country to determine what base year to use when calculating anti-pollution measures.

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### Less ambitious goals

In the face of European demands for aggressive short-term and long-term targets to reduce carbon emissions, Harper stressed the need to set "realistic," less ambitious goals for fighting climate change, according to the Canadian official who briefed reporters on the closed-door talks.

# Loonie poised to soar again: Economists

The Canadian dollar is undervalued and will soon soar above the U.S. currency again if world oil prices hold up as expected, predict two senior economists, raising the spectre of more troubles ahead in the export-dependent manufacturing economy.

With oil forecast to end the year near $150 US a barrel, the loonie should rise from the current 98-cent US level to about $1.03, say economists Dale Orr of the forecasting firm Global Insight Canada and Avery Shenfeld of CIBC.

The forecast of a rising loonie will be welcomed by some in Canada, but send shivers down the spines of others in factory and mill towns across the country, whose livelihoods have been threatened by the dollar's appreciation in the last six years.

But with demand for oil expected to outstrip supply for some time, it would be difficult for the Canadian dollar — known as a petro-currency because of Canada's large reserves that are second only to Saudi Arabia — to resist an upward revision, the economists say.

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### Oil, loonie link

The link between oil and the loonie has been established since 2003, when oil began its ascent from $34 US a barrel to $95 US in November last year. During that time, the loonie climbed from about 66 cents US to just above $1 US.

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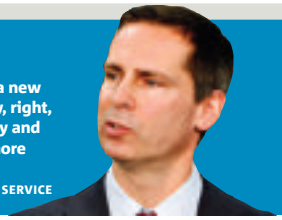
**Visit cancelled**
Intense publicity proved to be too much for dejected ex-convict Martin Ferrier, who called off a planned visit to a relative in the Toronto area yesterday and instead headed home to Montreal. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Local

## Waterfront announcement



George Brown College is getting $61.5 million from the province to build a new health sciences campus on Toronto's waterfront, Premier Dalton McGuinty, right, announced yesterday. What it will give in return is something both the city and province desperately need: Vibrant activity on the waterfront and 4,000 more educational spaces for future nurses and other skilled practitioners.
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# Killing was 'swift': Cops

## Speculation continues over the events prior to shooting of two men

**Whatever prompted someone to kill two young men last month — shooting them as they sat in the front seats of a Range Rover — happened just seconds before they died, police said yesterday.**

And the motivating incident did not happen as they drove away from a friend's downtown condo in the early morning hours of June 13, and it did not happen as they made their way along downtown streets before returning to the Richmond Street West building moments later.

Det.-Sgt. Gary Giroux said the interaction between Dylan Ellis, Oliver Martin and their killer happened at the driver's side window just before they were killed.

"It was violent and extremely swift," he said. "And it happened when they returned to that spot."

**"Heaven help anyone who is out there assisting, aiding and abetting the person who did this. They will be found out."**
Det.-Sgt. Gary Giroux

Since the shooting last month, there has been much speculation that the Range Rover may have cut off a cyclist at some point in its journey to and from the downtown building, prompting a fateful rage.

As the weeks have passed, Giroux said he's become increasingly confident no one knew the car would return to that spot.

"Heaven help anyone who is out there assisting, aiding and abetting the person who did this," Giroux said. "They will be found out."

Giroux met Martin's mother, Susan, at that very spot yesterday to make an emotional plea for information.

"Nobody's come forward," she said in a statement that has been posted on YouTube. "We need people to come forward. They took our two babies."
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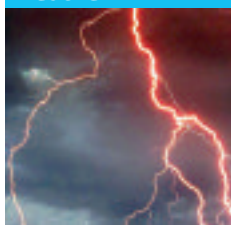
## Weather



### Lightning strikes tree, man killed

**THUNDERSTORM** A 28-year-old man was killed yesterday when lightning struck a tree in Christie Pits park.

Just before 8 p.m., as a violent thunderstorm swept across the city, a huge maple tree overlooking the baseball diamond at the park's northeast corner was hit by a bolt.

Witnesses said the victim had sought shelter from the pounding rain under the tree. Police said it was unclear if the man was struck directly by the lightning or if he fell victim to the electrical transfer after the tree was hit.

Environment Canada recorded 430 lightning flashes as the storm ripped across the GTA, said Arnold Ashton, a severe weather meteorologist. The threshold for severe rainfall, 50 mm, was crossed in parts of the GTA as a result of the thunderstorm. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Nursing homes

### Residents lived in dirty conditions

**DOCUMENTS** Elderly residents of a fast-growing private nursing home chain lived with substandard care and dirty conditions for years while Ontario Health Ministry inspectors hit the homes with hundreds of violations, according to government documents.

Provincial inspection reports describe Leisureworld residents living with untreated pressure ulcers, lax infection control, improper use of restraints, meagre food portions and, in a few cases, accidents that left them with head injuries or broken bones.

After several years of intense ministry scrutiny, Leisureworld homes are improving, though difficulties persist. The experience of the chain — third largest in Ontario serving more than 4,000 seniors — shows that a great deal of government action is needed to make improvements.
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# 1 dead, 1 charged in rage incident

A Milton man has been arrested after an apparent act of road rage left a man dead on Highway 401 early yesterday.

Wayne Winsor, 39, faces criminal charges in relation to the death of the unnamed man.

Police said the man swerved to avoid a car after its driver slammed on his brakes in front of him.

He died instantly when he was ejected from his SUV and crushed as it rolled several times, shortly after 5 a.m. on the highway's eastbound lanes, just past James Snow Parkway in Milton.

"There was clear evidence in this scenario that the road rage was ongoing and poured out onto the 401," said Staff Sgt. Scott Lawson of the Ontario Provincial Police.

He said a black Yukon SUV and a burgundy Pontiac Grand Prix were jockeying prior to entering the highway.

"The vehicles sped east until the car pulled in front of the SUV and slammed on its brakes," Lawson explained.

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Firefighters work on the crumpled remains of an SUV yesterday on Highway 401 near Milton. Police arrested a man after another man was killed in an apparent road rage incident.

The SUV swerved to avoid the car, struck the centre concrete guardrail and careened down the highway, rolling over and over before it came to a stop 300 metres away.

It came to rest on three wheels, the fourth buckled underneath. Its windshield was smashed and the roof was scarred from sliding down the highway.

"It was a violent impact," Lawson said. "The results were tragic."

Passing motorists stopped to give aid to the driver, who lay on the road, but there was nothing anyone could do to save him.

The man, about 55, died at the scene. His name is being withheld at the family's request.

The accident caused chaos during the morning rush hour as police closed all eastbound lanes of Highway 401 from James Snow Parkway to Trafalgar Road. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## News in brief

**TRANSIT** For the second time this summer, Metrolinx, the Toronto region's transportation planning agency, has delayed release of its plan to raise more money for transit. Staff were to have released the draft investment strategy and regional transportation plan in June. That was delayed until July 25. Yesterday, Metrolinx chair Rob MacIsaac confirmed the plans are now slated for release at Metrolinx's September board meeting. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

**Leaky storage leads to drug lab**

Hazardous chemicals leaking from an industrial storage shed led police to an apparent drug lab yesterday afternoon. Toronto police cordoned off a street near a storage facility in the area of Middlefield Rd. in the city's east end. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Parole possible

## Bathtub Girls may be eligible, judge says

**Canada's infamous "Bathtub Girls" could be paroled before they get their next federally mandated review.**

The Mississauga sisters, now 22 and 21, received a maximum 10-year sentence for murdering their 43-year-old alcoholic mother.

But based on the latest information he's received, Justice Bruce Duncan told a Brampton court yesterday it appears Corrections Canada now consider their sentence to be just six years, the maximum a youth can be locked away for first-degree murder. If that's the case, then they've "already reached their parole eiligibility" mark, Justice Duncan suggested.

Justice Duncan sentenced them June 30, 2006 so they've already spent just over two years in custody — the one-third mark at which they can seek parole.

Regardless, dates for their second mandated annual review were set yesterday.

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**teen's death**

## Preliminary hearing dates set

**COURT.** A Mississauga father and son accused of murdering the father's teenage daughter will have their preliminary hearings just before Christmas. Muhammad Parvez, 57, and his son, Waqas, 27, are charged with first-degree murder in the strangulation death of Aqsa Parvez, 16, who died Dec. 10 in her father's Mississauga home. Preliminary hearing dates were set yesterday.

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**Missing load of beer recovered**

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# Tenants face race, sex, income barriers

## Commission's report focuses on housing as human right

**Focusing on housing as a human right, the Ontario Human Rights Commission released an exhaustive report yesterday to address issues of discrimination faced by tenants in rental housing across the province.**

"Adequate housing is a critical element of an individual's quality of life," said chief commissioner Barbara Hall. "Without housing, health care, education, food, clothing, and employment are irrelevant," she said.

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The report Right at Home was written after a year of public meetings and submissions from hundreds of individuals and organizations.

Throughout the consultative process, which spanned four cities — Ottawa, Sudbury, Toronto, and Kitchener-Waterloo — the commission heard how tenants were affected by discriminatory attitudes on the basis of race, disability, and income.

Tenants cited issues such as landlords posting "adults only" rental ads to discourage families, seeking sexual favours from low-income women in lieu of rent, and trying to discourage applicants who are from visible minorities.

Also dealt with at length is the link between poverty, housing, and homelessness. The report puts forward concerns from tenants that social assistance rates and minimum wages have not kept up with increasing housing costs.

The report sets out 37 recommendations for various levels of government and decision-makers, and urges the provincial government to pass a law "to establish the right to adequate housing as a universal human right."

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Police search outside Oakville's Knar Jewellery store yesterday after an attempted robbery Monday night.

# Jewelry store manager robbed at gunpoint

**ROBBERY** The manager of a high-end jewelry boutique was forced to hand over his keys and divulge the store's security codes at gunpoint after an unknown suspect broke into his home and took his family hostage, Halton police said yesterday.

"We believe that the victims in the matter were targeted," Det. Jeff Hill said outside Knar Jewellery in Oakville.

Police are still unsure whether anything was stolen. Store owner Greg Buzbuzian reported seeing broken glass and damaged drywall inside, but says he didn't notice anything missing at first glance.

**"We believe that the victims in the matter were targeted."**
Det. Jeff Hill

Jon Walker, 39, his wife, Dawn, 33 and their 7-month old son, Jake, spent yesterday recuperating with family, while investigators combed their Burlington home for clues.

The gunman is described as being a tall, thin white man in his mid-20s, who was wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans.

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# Livent ex-finance chief testifies

**COWED** Livent hired introverts lacking in confidence to staff its accounting department because they could be more easily influenced to agree to cooked books, the fraud trial for the firm's two founders has been told.

"That's how it appears to me," Maria Messina, former chief financial officer for the theatre production firm, testified yesterday.

"They were hiring people they could push around?" asked Brian Greenspan, lawyer for former Livent president Myron Gottlieb, as he began cross-examining the chartered accountant.

**background**

Myron Gottlieb, 64, and Garth Drabinsky, 58, have pleaded not guilty to fraud and forgery at the company that was a world leader in producing musicals until it succumbed to its accounting scandal in the late 1990s.

"That's how it appeared," she said.

Messina once described herself, being more confident than her colleagues, as Livent's "odd hire," she agreed. Greenspan asked her if she believes Gottlieb and business partner Garth Drabinsky's "fatal mistake" was hiring her, because they never foresaw she would have the courage to reveal the fraud to new owners in August 1998.

"Yes, I blew the whistle," she said.

Greenspan expressed skepticism that they would have taken her on if they planned to either convert her to the fraud or to "pull the wool" over her eyes.

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# City urged to back Woodbine project

**VENTURE** Toronto should back a giant new hotel, entertainment and shopping venture next door to the Woodbine racetrack to the tune of $120 million in tax breaks, says the city's economic development committee. But skeptics said they want to see a firmer commitment from the developers to hire locally first. Woodbine Entertainment Group and the Cordish Company, a Baltimore-based developer, want to build Woodbine Live in north Etobicoke.

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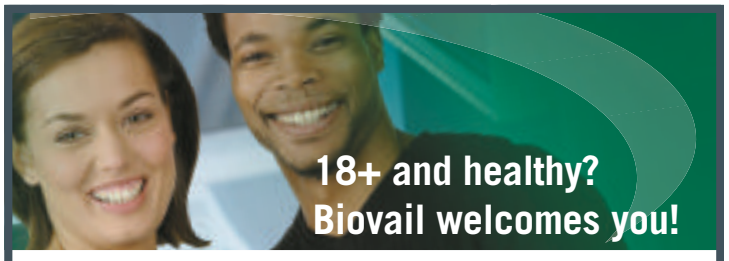


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A technique that makes bridge lifts a one-day job has become a spectator sport of sorts in Ottawa. The Ministry of Transportation will set up bleachers for the public to watch workers pop out and replace the Clyde Avenue bridge next month. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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## Boars running wild in Alberta

**Alberta has become hog heaven to so many boars on the loose that the province is ordering landowners to eradicate all of the tusked animals not in captivity. It is estimated that more than 1,500 of the dark-haired beasts, including game farm escapees and their offspring, are at large and happily rooting around rural areas from Lac la Biche in north-central Alberta all the way south to Medicine Hat.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Beer Store stays put

## Premier rejects calls to break virtual private monopoly

**Some want to give craft brewers greater access to the lucrative beer market.**

Premier Dalton McGuinty has put on ice any hopes of changing the way Ontarians buy beer.

"It ain't broke," the premier said about a system that gives the foreign-owned Beer Store chain a virtual private monopoly.

In the wake of a Toronto Star series on beer distribution in Ontario, McGuinty was asked yesterday if it's time for a change.

"No, I like the system as it's found at present," he said at a Queen's Quay news conference.

"I don't think consumers would tell us that (they don't like the status quo). Certainly, Ontarians are not delivering that kind of a message to me."

McGuinty noted the iconic Beer Store, a joint venture of Belgian-owned Labatt, American-owned Molson, and Japanese-owned Sleeman, is a leader in recycling.

"When it comes to reusing bottles, it's one of the most successful enterprises on this planet," the premier said of the 441-outlet chain that sells $2.5 billion of beer annually.

"They've just kindly offered us to take back LCBO bottles, so that's been a great added bonus," he added, referring to a controversial program estimated to earn the breweries $15 million in public money annually.

More importantly, McGuinty, the father of four grown children, one of whom works part-time at The Beer Store, said there is a powerful social aspect to keeping things the way they are.

> **"It ain't broke."**
> Premier Dalton McGuinty on Ontario's beer laws

"When my kids were below the drinking age, Terri and I would wonder … are they going to be getting access to booze underage. Are they going to be properly carded?" he said.

"Well, you know I've got a lot of confidence in the LCBO and The Beer Store and if we put that … kind of decision-making into the hands of thousands of independent retailers, it's much more difficult for us to monitor and control."

While Progressive Conservative Leader John Tory also defended The Beer Store, he said he was "open to looking at ways in which we can give a fair chance to the craft brewers" by allowing them to sell Ontario-brewed products in corner stores.

That would enable smaller, independently owned breweries, which struggle for shelf space at The Beer Store and LCBO, to compete.

"I'm willing to entertain thoughts of doing things differently," said Tory, whose previous chief of staff was a former Labatt executive.

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## NDP slams Colombia trade deal

**TRADE** Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton says it's "simply outrageous" for Ottawa to sign a trade deal with Colombia with a clause calling for the South American nation to pay a fine to a special fund whenever a union activist is murdered.

It's not even clear how the fund would work. Nor would the Harper government give any details.

In Colombia, where the army has been linked to the death squads, 28 trade unionists have been murdered this year, according to human rights organizations. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Canadian receives 20 years in China

**LEGAL** A Chinese Canadian businessman has been sentenced to 20 years in a Chinese jail and fined $1.9 million nearly two years after he was first detained. Jimmy Chen Yian Yuan of Mississauga was imprisoned in the fall of 2006 in Zhuang Zhou for fraud but the Mississauga man's supporters deny the accusations and say he was jailed over a business dispute. The businessman's lawyers are expected to announce the decision at a press conference today and renew their pleas that the federal government intercede on his behalf.

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## World War II survivors mark ship sinking

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It's been 63 years since the last Canadian ship to be sunk in the Second World War, the HMCS Esquimalt, went down outside of Halifax.

Yesterday, survivors of the ship, their rescuers, and one of the crew of the German submarine that sunk the Esquimalt gathered for an ocean memorial.

"We heard a big explosion. Next thing you knew you were in the water," recalls George Taylor, who was 19 when the Esquimalt was hit by a torpedo April 16, 1945.

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Lou Howard, left, looks on as his one-time enemy Werner Hirschmann prepares to throw a wreath overboard.

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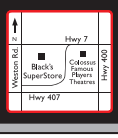


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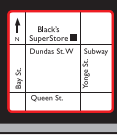


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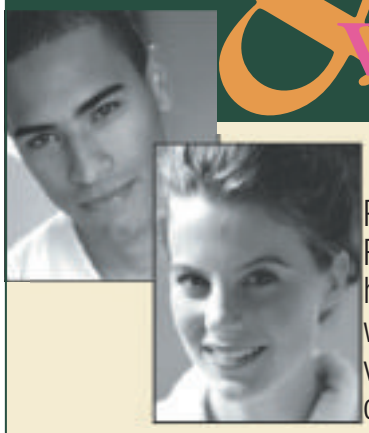

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**Seniors fraud**

Joyce Goodlin of Montreal has pleaded guilty in New Hampshire to defrauding elderly Americans in a telemarketing scheme. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Out of Order

## Catholic community members return 'dishonoured' medal

**Group returns founder's Order of Canada to protest Morgentaler honour**

TRACEY LONG
Metro Canada

Members of a Catholic community yesterday returned an Order of Canada medal its founder received 32 years ago, to protest a high-profile abortionist's receipt of the award.

Representatives from Madonna House in Combermere arrived at Rideau Hall to return Catherine Doherty's 1976 medal in response to Henry Morgentaler's recent appointment to the order, joining a priest in British Columbia who has also surrendered his award in protest.

"Our purpose was to make a simple public gesture to call attention to the disgrace and disappointment of the awarding of the medal to Dr. Morgentaler," said Susanne Stubbs, a director with the community of more than 200 laymen and priests that assists the poor.

"The medal has been dishonoured."

Doherty, who died in 1985, was added to the Order for "devoted services to the underprivileged of many nationalities, both in Canada and abroad." Consideration for her saint-hood began in 2000.

Stubbs and her colleagues returned the medal and its accompanying document to Yves Bastien, an awards official who emerged from Rideau Hall to receive it. Officials refused comment.

"Catherine Doherty would not have judged Henry Morgentaler, nor should we. Yet we have to protest – simply, peacefully, unremittingly and with the tools we have at hand – the serious misdirection our country (is taking)," director general of laymen Mark Schlingerman read from a letter the group sent to Governor General Michaelle Jean, who named Morgentaler for Canada's highest civilian honour this month.

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Mark Schlingerman, a director general of the Catholic group Madonna House, holds an Order of Canada medal that was awarded to the group's late founder, Catherine Doherty, outside the front gates of Rideau Hall in Ottawa yesterday.

### Premier approves

Ontario premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday he supports Henry Morgentaler's appointment to the Order of Canada.

## Model killed in China

The modelling agency that represented a B.C. woman found dead in Shanghai says she was living her dream. The Barbara Coultish Agency said they were shattered by the death of Diana O'Brien, whose body was found earlier this week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Diana O'Brien

## Charges coming?

Authorities are considering whether to lay charges after a U.S. Border Patrol agent was roughed up on a street in a Quebec-Vermont border town. A Border Patrol spokesman says the case is in the hands of the U.S. attorney's office in Burlington, Vt. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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**Bertha loses bluster**
Forecasters say hurricane Bertha has weakened to a Category 1 storm. As of 5 p.m. yesterday, the centre of the storm was about 1,000 kilometres east-northeast of the northern Leeward Islands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World

## Butt out

**Health officials want to make the tiny South Pacific island of Niue the first country in the world to be fully smoke-free by banning tobacco. A bill proposing to ban smoking and the sale of tobacco in all public areas and private homes in Niue - pronounced NEE-oo-ay - has been drafted and presented to legislators, the island's top health official, Dr. Sitaleki Finau, said yesterday.**

## U.S. beefs up air power for Afghanistan

**MILITARY** The U.S. military says it has decided to provide more air power for Afghanistan by shifting an aircraft carrier away from the Iraq war.

Defence officials say the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln has moved into the Gulf of Oman from the Persian Gulf.

Officials said yesterday the move shortens the time that the carrier's strike planes must fly to support combat in Afghanistan.

One official said the decision reflects not only the worsened state of the fight in Afghanistan but also improvements in Iraq.

The U.S. navy routinely moves ships in and out of the Persian Gulf, where they not only support America's two ongoing wars but serve as a show of force to Iran and sign of support to regional allies.

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## News in brief

**EARTHQUAKE** Japan's meteorological agency said a strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.0 struck off the south coast of the Japanese island of Okinawa. The quake occurred at 4:42 p.m. yesterday, about 50 kilometres below the ocean's surface. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NUCLEAR** Negotiations on North Korea's nuclear program will resume this week for the first time in nine months, China said yesterday. The talks have been on hold due to a dispute over North Korea's declaring its nuclear programs.

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Demonstrators gather yesterday to protest the signing of the preliminary missile-defence treaty between the Czech Republic and the U.S. at Vencesla's Square in Prague, Czech Republic.

# Missile deal done

## But not a very popular one with the Czechs

**Hundreds of protesters gathered in Prague yesterday to voice their displeasure about the U.S.-Czech missile-defence agreement.**

The Czech Republic has signed an initial agreement to allow the United States to install parts of its planned nuclear missile shield on Czech territory.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told reporters in Prague the shield is a good deal for the Czech Republic and for Poland, where the United States hopes to place another part of the system.

Warsaw has yet to sign off on the deal, which is strongly opposed by Russia. Rice said the next U.S. president will have to decide whether and how to go forward with the missile-defence system.

But she claimed the threat of nuclear attack from Iran is growing and says it is hard to imagine any administration giving up an effective deterrent.

Moscow says Iran is nowhere near to becoming a nuclear missile threat and contends the real reason for the missile shield is to undermine Russia's nuclear deterrent.

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## Female bishops get OK from Church of England leaders

**RELIGION** The Church of England's ruling body has voted its support for women to become bishops.

But the decision, taken Monday at a meeting of senior church leaders in York, has further alienated church conservatives.

One bishop broke down in tears as he described his distress at what he saw as the church's lack of willingness to accommodate traditionalist supporters of a male-only priesthood.

Monday's decision is not final; church legislation to implement the change is to be debated next year.

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## Pakistan criticized over terrorist acts

**BOMBINGS** Pakistan's new government was accused yesterday of lacking the resolve to stem militant activity after a spate of bombings in the country's capital and its main commercial city.

Police continued to probe seven small blasts that wounded 43 people Monday in Karachi and a suicide bombing that killed 18 and wounded dozens Sunday in Islamabad. Investigators in Karachi were focusing on four suspects, police said.

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**Oil price extends slide**

Oil tumbled more than $5 US a barrel yesterday in its second big drop this week, hurling crude back to levels not seen since June 26 as traders wary about the health of the global economy cashed in gains from oil's recent rally. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Business

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## Charges for text messages

**WIRELESS** Bell mobility and Telus Mobility will start charging wireless customers that do not subscribe to a text message bundle 15 cents per incoming text message. Bell will implement the new charge on Aug. 8, and Telus on Aug. 24. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Buzz retiring early

## Lewenza to replace Hargrove as CAW union's chief

**Buzz Hargrove says he will retire early as the president of the Canadian Auto Workers and Ken Lewenza, the fiery leader of the union's big Windsor local, is set to jump into the driver's seat.**

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CAW president candidate Ken Lowenza, right, speaks yesterday as CAW president Buzz Hargrove looks on during a press conference announcing Hargrove's imminent retirement in Toronto.

Hargrove, who has led the union since 1992, surprised CAW leaders yesterday by revealing he will leave no later than Sept. 15 instead of next year.

Hargrove, the CAW's other senior officers, executive board, directors and staff overwhelmingly endorsed Lewenza, president of Local 444 in Windsor, at meetings yesterday to fill the $150,700 a year hot seat.

"He has enormous energy," Hargrove told reporters as Lewenza sat beside him. "I think everyone works hard for the union but no one works harder than Kenny."

Hargrove assistants Hemi Mitic and Tom Collins, who indicated earlier they would run regardless of the outcome of the endorsements, instead pulled out of the race at the same meetings.

Hargrove, who had planned on retiring next March or August, said campaigning had started for his post and he didn't want the increasing political activity to divide the CAW.

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## Conventional income drops, pay TV grows

**TELEVISION** Conventional television revenues declined for the first time in a decade in 2007, while revenues for pay and specialty television continued to climb.

Public and non-commercial conventional television was hardest hit by the slowdown, which affected both its advertising revenue and grants.

Pay television had the strongest growth, driven largely by the increasing popularity of pay-per-view television and video-on-demand.

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**ad revenue**

Television advertising revenue increased only 1.8 per cent in 2007, the smallest growth in 10 years.

## SkyHook eyes blimp on steroids

**ROTORCRAFT** Calgary's SkyHook International announced yesterday it is teaming up with Boeing Co. to build the so-called Jess Heavy Lifter — a "blimp on steroids." The craft is essentially an airship filled with helium and powered by big rotors that can be used to haul heavy equipment to remote areas where there are no roads, including northern Canada.

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**Philanthropist, investor John Templeton dies**
Global investor and philanthropist John Templeton, who created the $1.5-billion US John Templeton Foundation in 1987 to encourage scientific research, died yesterday from pneumonia at a hospital in the Bahamas. He was 95. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# 2,700 nuke plant jobs likely

## Bruce Power predicts $12-billion contribution to Alberta economy

**The Bruce Power partnership predicts a nuclear plant in the Peace River region of Alberta would contribute $12 billion to the province's economy during the construction period and would generate 2,700 long-term jobs.**

"While more detailed work needs to be done, this early report paints a good picture of the economic benefits our proposal could bring to the Peace Country," Duncan Hawthorne, president of Bruce Power Alberta, said in releasing the partnership's study yesterday.

Bruce Power — owned by TransCanada Corp., Cameco Corp. and the BPC Generation Infrastructure Trust of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System — filed an application this year with the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission seeking to prepare a site that could generate 4,000 megawatts of electricity from two to four reactors.

**"This early report paints a good picture of the economic benefits our proposal could bring to the Peace Country."**
Duncan Hawthorne

Bruce Power said the plant would provide up to 1,900 permanent full-time jobs, plus 800 indirect jobs in the region.

Its 10-year site preparation and construction period would produce an estimated $7.3 billion in economic activity in the Peace region and $12 billion in the province as a whole.

The reactors would have an expected lifespan of 60 years.

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## Shell shelves Sarnia refinery

**OIL** Shell Canada has abandoned plans for a multibillion-dollar heavy oil refinery near Sarnia, Ont., that would have processed millions of barrels of crude produced from the company's oilsands operations in northern Alberta. Millions of dollars have been spent on a plan that now will be shelved indefinitely. If the refinery had been built, it would have employed thousands of construction workers for four years.

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# WestJet strikes big deal

**"It will be huge for us."**
Sean Durfy

**CODESHARING** WestJet Airlines has reached another milestone in its evolution as a low-cost carrier with a major partnership deal with U.S. low-cost airline pioneer Southwest Airlines that will give Canadians access to Southwest's vast U.S. network.

Calgary-based WestJet said it sees an opportunity to expand its reach into the U.S. market at a time when rival Air Canada and several big U.S. carriers are scaling back their cross-border flying in the face of record-high fuel prices and a weakening U.S. economy.

Sean Durfy, WestJet's CEO, said he expects the deal to help WestJet increase its share of the trans-border market to 25 per cent over the next five years, compared to about 8 per cent currently.

"It will be huge for us," Durfy said, adding that WestJet will be operating all the cross-border flights.

"When times are tough … the airlines that do the best are the ones with the lowest costs," he said.

The preliminary agreement signed with Dallas-based Southwest, on which the WestJet concept was originally modelled, envisions a full codeshare relationship by late 2009 that would allow WestJet passengers to connect onto Southwest flights to 64 U.S. cities in 32 states.

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Sean Durfy, president and CEO of WestJet Airlines, checks out a cake celebrating the deal with Southwest Airlines yesterday.

# China sales bright spot for GM, Ford

**AUTOMOTIVE** General Motors and Ford reported yesterday that first-half sales grew strongly, by 12.7 per cent and 21 per cent, in China's booming auto market.

Growth was weaker than the stunning rates reported in 2007, when Ford's China sales grew by 30 per cent. But they still were far stronger than in North America.

Auto sales have been driven by fast-rising incomes in an economy that is forecast to grow by 9 per cent this year.

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## News in brief

**ACQUIRED** Video game maker Ubisoft is positioning itself to offer more games that have cinema-quality special effects and movie-like experiences with the acquisition of Quebec-based Hybride Technologies, which is known for its work on the films 300, Journey To The Center Of The Earth, and Spy Kids series.

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**TAKEOVER** Novartis said yesterday it has completed the first stage of its $38-billion US takeover of U.S. eye-care company Alcon Inc. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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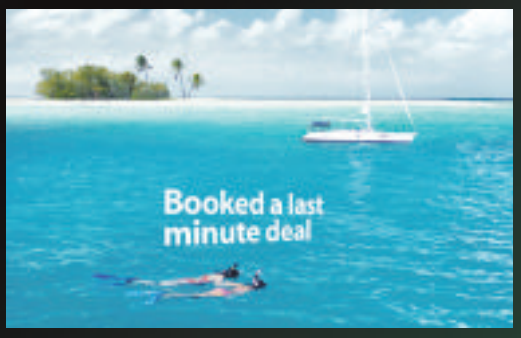

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**Harden dealt to Cubs** The Chicago Cubs have acquired Canadian pitcher Rich Harden from the Oakland Athletics in a six-player trade. The Cubs will receive Harden and righty Chad Gaudin for pitcher Sean Gallagher, outfielders Matt Murton and Eric Patterson, and minor leaguer John Donaldson. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports

***"We're happy he's decided to come to the Toronto Maple Leafs"***

**Leafs GM Cliff Fletcher on bringing Joe Nieuwendyk into the team's management.**

## Joe is back

**The Toronto Maple Leafs announced that Joe Nieuwendyk, left, will be a special assistant to general manager Cliff Fletcher, the man who drafted him back in 1985.**

## SCOREBOARD

### MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE
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Boston 6 Minnesota 5
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Chicago White Sox at Kansas City
Seattle at Oakland

NATIONAL LEAGUE
St. Louis 2 Philadelphia 0
N.Y. Mets 7 San Francisco 0
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Houston at Pittsburgh
Colorado at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs
Florida at San Diego
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Minnesota at Boston, 1:05
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:05
Baltimore at **TORONTO**, 7:07
L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 8:10
Seattle at Oakland, 10:05

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Florida at San Diego, 3:35
Houston at Pittsburgh, 7:05
St. Louis at Philadelphia, 7:05
San Francisco at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
Arizona at Washington, 7:10
Colorado at Milwaukee, 8:05
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 8:05
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10

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# Rios sparks Jays

## Outfielder has 3-run triple, scores winning run

**BLUE JAYS 7 ORIOLES 6**

**It was the type of comeback win they've sorely lacked in this sorry season, the kind that makes teams believe in themselves and pushes them forward in the standings.**

That it came hours after manager Cito Gaston essentially said the playoff hopes of the Toronto Blue Jays this season were dead is, depending on your outlook, a sign they have no plans to surrender, or plain cruel irony.

Either way, last night's 7-6 victory over the Baltimore Orioles after erasing a four-run deficit is a high point in a summer filled with low ones. Scott Rolen's grounder through shortstop Freddie Bynum's legs in the ninth gave the Blue Jays their first walkoff win and their biggest comeback of the season.

Alex Rios, a key player in this one, got things started with a walk off Jim Johnson (2-3) in the bottom of the ninth. He stole second and advanced to third on a throwing error and after an intentional walk to Matt Stairs, came around when Bynum muffed Rolen's roller.

Down 6-2 in the seventh Rios delivered the big blow with a three-run triple off reliever Dennis Sarfate and scored moments later on Vernon Wells' single to tie the game 6-6.

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Baltimore Orioles second baseman Brian Roberts leaps over Toronto Blue Jays' Joe Inglett during last night's game.

# Stanley mistaken for an ashtray at party

YorkReport

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So the Stanley Cup was used as — brace yourself — an ashtray by party animals on Malibu Beach.

No joke.

U.S. musician Kid Rock had a wild July 4 bash in which invited members of the NHL champion Detroit Red Wings left the Cup out on the beach, where "people mistook the trophy for an ashtray," according to the New York Daily News. And before you decide to dismiss the information as nonsense emanating from an unreliable rag, keep in mind that it was the same paper that disclosed the extra-marital habits of Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez and his pending divorce, many of which have been confirmed.

• Strippers, by the way, are coming out of the woodwork now to divulge that they had affairs with A-Rod. Seems the future Hall of Famer has had a thing for skanky chicks — no offence to fans of 49-year-old entertainer Madonna, who's been rumoured as A-Rod's latest lover.

**"A leopard doesn't change his spots."**
Candice Houlihan, on Alex Rodriguez

Boston stripper Candice Houlihan told reporters she had a two-night stand with A-Rod in 2004 and that the player's wife, Cindy Rodriguez, "did the right thing" by filing for divorce. "A leopard doesn't change his spots," said Houlihan, a hairdresser these days. "Good for her. I think she's doing the smart thing."

Houlihan added: "And she'll probably get tons of cash."

And I add: "Duh."

• Members of the 0-2 Winnipeg Blue Bombers are peeved at their coach, Doug Berry, who's been accusing them of enjoying the Montreal night life too much before they were crushed by the Alouettes last week … Members of the 1-1 Toronto Argonauts are peeved at their coach, Rich Stubler because they've decided he lacks communication skills as well as general knowledge about offensive football … There's a quiet quarterback controversy in B.C., where members of the 0-2 Lions think Buck Pierce is a better choice than Jarious Jackson, who was ineffective and noticeably nervous against the Saskatchewan Roughriders last week. The Lions are 2.5-point underdogs for their game in Winnipeg Friday night … Damon Allen is a retired grandfather at 45, but he's let it be known throughout the CFL that he's willing and eager to return to any team in need of a quarterback.

• Entrenched in the AL East cellar, the Blue Jays have clearly become a seller for MLB's July 31 trade deadline.

The Jays are dangling not only pitcher A.J. Burnett as trade bait, but also shortstop David Eckstein (who's attracting interest from the Los Angeles Dodgers), utility man Matt Stairs, catcher Gregg Zaun and virtually every member of the team other than a few of their starting pitchers and outfielders.

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**Dutch showjumper injured.**
Dutch showjumper Albert Zoer, considered one of the favourites to win an Olympic gold medal, broke his leg in two places during training yesterday and could miss the Beijing Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Beijing Games

## Ronaldinho vows to play in Games

SOCCER Ronaldinho plans to play for Brazil at the Olympics in defiance of the wishes of his FC Barcelona club."I do not see myself being left out of Beijing," Ronaldinho said yesterday.

Ronaldinho was selected to Brazil's Olympic squad on Monday, but a day later Barcelona posted a statement on its website saying the former world player of the year "will have to report for training."

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## Tomorrow's lineup

ALL IN THE FAMILY "I grew up with the Olympics as part of my life with my grandfather, father and uncles all competing at the Olympics," says Beijing-bound solo flatwater canoeist Mark Oldershaw. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

**29** days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

# Bay's final showdown

## May be last Olympics for softball player

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Canada

**Growing up in Trail, B.C., there was little for Lauren Bay to do besides play sports. She played many — basketball, volleyball, track — but it was in the ballpark with her older brother Jason that she found her true calling.**

Bay, who originally hoped to be a centre-fielder before discovering her true talent at pitching, grew up to be one of the country's top softball pitchers, representing Canada at the Olympic Games.

Jason grew up to be an outfielder for Major League Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates. Athleticism is clearly in the family blood, Bay's grandparents Sylvia and Arthur also played ball, her uncle Gerry Moro was a three-time Olympian in decathlon, and her father David played little league.

"We didn't imagine it would take her where she's gotten — I don't think anyone could have imagined that — but we're certainly thankful and grateful that it has," said Kelly Bay, Lauren's mother.

When Bay was 16, she got a call from the White Rock Renegades.

"They were known as the powerhouse of my generation and that was a pretty big deal to even have a phone call from them," said Bay. Her parents drove her nearly eight hours every weekend to get her to home games.

Bay caught the eye of a handful of universities. Among them was Oklahoma State, where she studied international business and became a standout while playing ball, posting a 26-10 record as a senior in 2003 and striking out 451 to break her single-season record.

In 2002, Bay was part of the Canadian softball team that placed ninth at the World Championships in Saskatoon, and in 2004, was part of the Canadian team that placed fifth at the Olympics in Athens.

Next month, Bay will again be one of the 15 players to represent Canada in softball at the Olympic Games in Beijing, where her parents and husband will cheer her on.

"When that anthem starts and you look around and see everyone wearing red and white, you just swell up with a sense of pride and awe that your daughter is one of the chosen few who gets to represent that country," said Kelly Bay. "How many people can say that?"

However, Sylvia Bay added the trip will be bittersweet for Lauren.

"She's looking forward to it, because this will probably be her last one," she said, referring to the International Olympic Committee's vote to remove softball from the Games in 2012.

Bay called the cut "heartbreaking" and said she will work to bring it back. "Growing up of having a goal to play softball in the Olympics ... it's heartbreaking to know that, as of right now, no more softball players will be able to follow their dreams in that aspect."

The IOC will vote again in 2009.

Lauren Bay will be a part of the Canadian softball team in Beijing. SCOTT BARBOUR /GETTY IMAGES

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# Avenger flexes muscle

## Dodge model brings bad boy attitude to mid-size car segment

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**Leave it to the "grab life by the horns" boys over at Dodge to inject a little "attitude" into the mid-size car segment with its new-for-2008 Avenger five-passenger sedan.**

All muscular and aggressive, thanks to styling cues borrowed straight from the brand's full-size Charger model, the 2008 Avenger actually shares its platform and most of its mechanical bits with its corporate cousin, the Chrysler Sebring.

The Avenger's styling and materials look and feel better than the Sebring, though that's no reason for any competitors to consider reworking their own offerings. On the other hand, features-wise, the Avenger is a leader, offering the automaker's MyGIG multimedia audio and entertainment system with available navigation, Chill Zone cooled storage compartment above the glove box, heated and cooled cupholders (except on the base Avenger SE) and an available rear-seat DVD entertainment system.

As with the Sebring, the Avenger offers three trim levels. In the latter's case that means the base Avenger SE starting at $20,495, followed by a mid-range SXT version with a $22,595 sticker price and the range-topping Avenger R/T with a $27,395 entry fee.

In its SE trim the Avenger comes with a 173 horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine and four-speed automatic transmission, standard side-curtain airbags, four-speaker AM/FM stereo with CD/MP3 player, tilt and telescopic steering wheel, power locks and mirrors, air conditioning, 60/40-split rear seat and 16-inch wheels and tires.

The SXT with a similar powertrain adds anti-lock brakes, the company's YES Essentials stain resistant seat fabric, a power eight-way driver's seat, six-speaker audio system, fold-flat passenger seatback, Touring suspension and 17-inch alloy wheels.

The New Dodge Challenger is all muscular and aggressive, thanks to styling cues borrowed from the brand's Charger model.

### 2008 Dodge Avenger SE

- Type: Mid-size 5-pass sedan FWD
- Price: $20,495
- Engine: 2.4L L4 DOHC
- HP: 173 @ 6,000 rpm
- Torque: 166 @ 4,400 rpm

### Highlights:

- Muscular 'Charger-inspired' styling
- Available Flex Fuel engine
- Available all-wheel-drive
- Chill Zone drink cooler

The R/T is equipped with a 235 hp, 3.5-litre V6 mated to a six-speed automatic. It also gets a sport-tuned suspension and bigger brakes to improve handling and stopping, along with interior upgrades in keeping with its top-of-the-line status. An all-wheel-drive R/T is also available, carrying a $30,895 suggested list price.

The Avenger interior looks nice enough with a two-tone motif, white-face gauges, bright trim and easy-to-operate controls.

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Finding a comfortable driving position is easy with the tilt and telescoping steering wheel and adjustable driver's seat.

On the road, the four-cylinder engine's performance is perky enough for most needs while the ride quality is smooth on the highway and quiet around town.

# Toyota, Nissan reduce prices

Canadian car buyers looking to save some bucks behind the wheel of a new vehicle can take advantage of new, lower prices on several Toyota models.

The reductions range from $1,350 to $7,900 depending on the model.

Three 2008-model Toyotas have been reduced: RAV4 buyers save $1,350 on the new manufacturer's suggested list price (MSRP) of $26,050 — down from the previous MSRP of $27,400. The Prius hybrid sedan drops by $1,900 to its new MSRP of $27,600 while the '08 Highlander is now $34,900 for a saving of $2,000.

On a similar note, Nissan has announced the 2009 Armada's pricing will be reduced by $10,000 for a new MSRP of $53,298 while the '09 Titan sees reductions of up to $1,500 on both the Crew Cab and King Cab pickup trucks. Also Infiniti's 2009 FX35 drops $4,350 to $50,700 while there's a $9,900 saving awaiting buyers of the QX56 seven- and eight-passenger SUVs.

### New Lexus prices

Eight of the Toyota's upscale Lexus models have also seen price reductions, ranging from $1,400 for the 2008 RX series to $7,900 on the sporty SC

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# New car colours in full bloom

## Blue is the new black, experts say

An "Atomic Orange" Chevrolet Corvette

**Although white, silver and black dominate the global mass auto market, car buyers around the world are leaning toward various treatments of blue, according to leading auto industry designers and a global team of DuPont colour designers.**

"This year, we thought it would be interesting to ask car and colour designers in mid year about automobile buyers' colour preferences," said Karen Surcina, colour marketing and technology manager, DuPont Automotive Systems.

For the last 55 years, the DuPont Global Automotive Colour Popularity Report has provided a year-end, data-based snapshot of mass market car colour preferences.

In Canada and the U.S., blue also plays a role in consumer tastes, says Nancy Lockhart, colour designer for North America. She sees lighter blues emerging with a reddish accent representing a clean, fresh trend. Medium and dark shades of blue are more greenish, evoking a modern feel.

White tri-coats such as pearls are chosen by buyers for their luxurious, yet unpretentious presentation. Oranges and golds are also important and reddish gold is an emerging influence, she said.

"While current economic conditions in North America are not being felt in car colour choices, people are clearly being influenced by the 'green' movement, with natural versions of bold colours taking hold," Lockhart said. "For example, copper seems to be replacing flashier gold finishes and royal blues will give way to lighter, cleaner and more water-like blues. Even white will change, with ultra whites and yellowish whites giving way to cleaner versions."

Blue cars such as this Kia Sportage, left, and Saturn Aura, right, are gaining in popularity, although white, seen on the Chrysler 300, remains the most popular colour among consumers.

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"White seems to be the most prominent colour on the road and on everyone's mind in design," said Mollie Engel, senior colour designer for Kia Design Center America. "It is the new luxury colour and it is also ecological. The lighter the colours we use, the less 'solar gain' is encouraged, and that means less gas we use to cool our cars."

Christopher Webb, General Motors lead colour and trend designer, interior and exterior, says "customers are embracing colour again," with brown, orange and blue selling well.

GM takes consumer input seriously. Several years ago, Webb polled Corvette Car Club members to find out which colour they would most like to see on their vehicles. Their request for orange came at a time when an "orange trend" was developing in other areas of product design. The result was a colour, developed with DuPont, called "Atomic Orange."

"Blue will continue to be strong in the marketplace along with a growing trend in natural and authentic colours," said Jim Parker, senior manager, colour and trim design, Chrysler LLC.

"The 2009 Dodge Ram will be offered in several new colours like Deep Water Blue Pearl and Austin Tan Pearl, which will accentuate its distinctive, bold design and reflect these colour trends."

A 2009 Dodge Ram in Deep Water Blue Pearl

# Gas-saving tips: Makes cents or non-cents?

**With gas prices soaring to above $1.40/litre for regular unleaded in some regions across the nation, tips about how to increase your car's gas mileage and save money on gas are circulating widely.**

Much of this advice about how to increase your fuel mileage, however, is not worth the average driver's effort, according to *NADAguides.com*, a vehicle pricing and information website.

There are, however, some strategies to improve your car's gas mileage by 10 per cent or more, which does make good sense at today's pump prices. So here are some fuel economy tips that make "cents" and some that are "non-cents."

Not all gas-saving advice will help you pay less at the pump.

**MAKES CENTS** Drive slowly and steadily. The faster a car accelerates from a stop, the more gas it uses, while driving more slowly overall improves gas mileage because there is less aerodynamic resistance, making it easier for your car to move forward — the least aerodynamic vehicles, such as SUVs, tend to have the biggest improvements.

**MAKES CENTS** Don't idle. Every second spent with the engine running and the car stationary is a waste of fuel. That's why many hybrid cars shut off their gas engines when they stop moving. To save gas, shut off the car if you'll be idling for more than 30 seconds.

**MAKES CENTS** Keep tires properly inflated. If you do only one thing to improve your gas mileage, keep your tires properly inflated by checking their air pressure monthly. It's not unusual to see fuel economy gains of about 10 per cent with tires inflated at the recommended pressure.

**NON-CENTS** Fill up your gas tank when temperatures are coolest. One theory states that gasoline expands with warmer temperatures, so a litre of gas is actually less than a litre when temperatures are higher. While this is true, the temperature in a gas station's underground storage tank is fairly constant, typically varying by about one degree, regardless of air temperature.

**NON-CENTS** Fill up when your tank is half-empty and use the slowest pump speed. Both pieces of advice stem from the idea that while gas is being dispensed, you want the most amount of gasoline and the least amount of vapours.

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# Go green in style

## Malibu Hybrid unleashed

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Chevrolet claims the new Malibu Hybrid is the most affordable mid-size hybrid in Canada.

**To the surprise of some people — who believed a new version of Honda's popular Accord would be a shoo-in for our Editor's Choice award — the equally new Chevrolet Malibu upset its heavily favoured Japanese rival to take top spot in the Family Car category.**

So what put the Malibu in the lead? Let's start with its styling, a handsome take on the mid-size sedan, with clean, chiselled edges, low greenhouse emissions and that all-important wheels-at-the-corners solid stance. The interior is also a real credit to Chevy, with top-notch build quality and materials, lots of interior room and an impressive two-tone design theme.

It scores extra points, too, for offering a segment-exclusive six-speed automatic transmission with the four-cylinder engine in the gasoline-powered versions. Meanwhile, the top-of-the-line 3.6-litre V6 gives the sedan surprising thrust and sounds great, too, especially when worked with the optional paddle shifters.

For those who like to carve corners, the top-of-the-range Malibu LTZ will surprise, with its sport-tuned suspension and 18-inch wheels. It will hang on and grip for much longer than you'd expect.

While gasoline-powered Malibus run from the base LS trim at $22,995 all the way to $33,610 for the LTZ, there's a greener take available right smack in the middle of the range — the Malibu Hybrid with a starting price of $26,995, which Chevrolet claims makes it the most affordable mid-size hybrid in Canada.

Outwardly, other than some discreet badging, the Hybrid looks no different than the conventional Malibu with its crisp, sleek lines and impressively tight body panel seams, 16-inch aluminum styled wheels and distinctive dual-port grille with black mesh insert.

But under the hood, the new mid-sizer bolts in an electric motor/generator mated to GM's 2.4-litre Ecotec four-cylinder gasoline engine and a four-speed automatic transmission for improved fuel consumption and lower emissions.

The system isn't a full-blown hybrid design like, say, the Toyota Prius (it can't run on the electric motor exclusively), but it still shuts off the gas engine when the Malibu Hybrid is stopped — at a red light or in congested city traffic — and restarts when the brakes are released (much like the similar system in Honda's Civic Hybrid).

Under heavy acceleration the Hybrid's motor/generator also adds extra passing power.

Like the gas-only Malibu, the Hybrid comes standard with ABS, full traction control, head-curtain side and front-seat thorax airbags and an electronic stability control system.

### 2008 Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid

- Type: Mid-size 5-pass. sedan FWD
- Price: $26,995
- Engine: 2.4L L4 DOHC & electric motor
- HP: 164 @ 6,400 rpm
- Torque: 160 @ 4,500 rpm

### Highlights:

- Great looks
- Build quality
- A greener version of an already outstanding sedan
- Two-tone interior

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The UV-filtering capability of the new Mustang's one-square-metre-sized, fixed glass roof — which consists of two layers of glass with a layer of transparent vinyl in between — is comparable to sunscreen lotion with a sun protection factor (SPF) of approximately 50, which exceeds the dermatologist-recommended sunscreen strength of at least SPF 15.

In addition, the glass roof's ability to filter IR rays reduces heat load in the cabin so that occupants remain comfortable while enjoying the sun. The reflective glass also reduces energy used by the vehicle's air conditioner system while protecting the interior fabric from fading and deteriorating.

Sun-soaked cruising is the Glass Roof Mustang's top appeal factor. Scientific studies show that increased exposure to sunshine or bright light is therapeutic because it regulates the body's synthesis of melatonin, a mood-regulating hormone that modulates the circadian cycle of sleep and wakefulness.

"I recommend light therapy — be it natural or artificial — to all of my patients, because it helps elevate mood and energy," said Dr. Douglas J. Arends, a psychiatrist practising in Royal Oak, Mich. "Driving or riding in a convertible certainly is one way to enjoy the health benefits of sunshine."

### demand

- Ford dealer and marketing research indicate that about 20 per cent of Mustang shoppers are likely to order the glass roof version, said Allison Revier, product marketing manager for Mustang.
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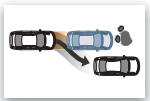

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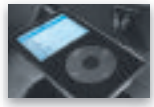

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# Travel

## Buck House

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# Gorillas in our midst

## Trek into Rwandan park provides magical moments

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**Left, tourists take photos of a gorilla family at Volcanoes National Park in Ruhengeri, Rwanda. Above, a photo released by the African Wildlife Foundation shows a Rwandan gorilla in Volcanoes National Park in Rwanda.**

Something was cracking, crunching and rustling its way through the jungle.

Olivier Mutuyimama, a guide leading a group of visitors into Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park, paused, extended his arm and held everyone back.

Reaching this point had taken almost two hours of arduous trekking up steep inclines, over rocks and brush, ducking through dense patches of tropical forest, and pulling boots free of mud pits and ankle-grabbing vines. Finally, the sounds of mountain gorillas had become audible.

This was the same park in the Virunga Mountains where American zoologist Dian Fossey studied the apes. Some 700 mountain gorillas remain in the world, according to the Rwanda Tourism Board's Web site.

About half live in Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest, and the other half live in family groups in the Virunga Mountains on the border of Rwanda, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. That's where we were, with a guide, two armed soldiers and two trackers.

The group hushed at Mutuyimama's command. The smell of wet jungle foliage filled the humid air. Training weary eyes at the thick vegetation we slowly focused on the dark figure behind it.

Although difficult to make out at first due to its vast size, a 400-pound gorilla was lurking less than two metres away. Mutuyimama nudged the group slowly backwards to give the ape, a male silverback, room to enjoy his daily bamboo snack. The cracking of the branches reverberated again.

The park allows visitors to approach as close as seven metres to the gorillas, a distance the guides enforce to avoid exposing the apes to human germs. As we moved back, the huge primate continued munching away, paying no attention to the human intruders around him. As we stood in awe, we heard more noises off to our right. We tiptoed slowly around a tree and spotted two females on a hillside. Their thick pitch-black fur contrasted sharply with the lush bright greenery of the forest.

We moved silently around the back of the silverback's resting spot, and discovered two more females playing with two infants. Mutuyimama motioned us to back up. But one of the mothers spotted us, grabbed her infant and swept past us, so close I felt vines rustle against my leg.

The babies galloped over to the resting silverback. They tried to rouse him as they tumbled over his large frame, like the Dr. Seuss classic, Hop On Pop. He tried to shoo them away.

But slowly he began to wind down. During our march up the mountain through stands of bamboo forest, the guide had explained to us that the gorillas find the bamboo plants intoxicating. Sure enough, the huge primate soon lay down for an afternoon nap, his massive body sprawled out across a bed of leaves. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Toy Story Mania! ups the ante at Disney

## New key attractions highlight theme parks in Florida and California

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**You can play video games at home. Or you can be in the video game at Disney's newest ride, Toy Story Mania!**

Dubbed a 4-D adventure, the newest addition to both DisneyWorld in Florida and Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim, Calif., takes park goers through a series of virtual midway games led by the film's lead characters, Buzz Lightyear and Woody.

It keeps score, it's addictive and according to John Lasseter, chief creative officer of Pixar and Walt Disney Animation, this ride is exactly what Disney hoped for. "We wanted to create an attraction that was so fun, as soon as it's over you want to get back on again," Lasseter said.

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**Above, donning 3-D glasses and manning spring-action shooters, park goers ride the attraction at Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim, Calif. Right, an Audio-Animatronics figure of Mr. Potato Head voiced by Don Rickles greets guests lined up for Toy Story Mania!**

Sitting side-by-side and armed with spring-action shooters you launch virtual projectiles ranging from darts to midway rings at 3-D targets.

And, yes, it can be tough on the forearms so stretch first. Everything reacts to you, ballons burst showering you with virtual confetti and when rockets take flight directly at you, a perfectly timed blast of air lets you feel them whirl by.

They're so real that several people were seen trying to touch the images.

And in each of the games, there is at least one "Easter egg" — a target that can trigger the appearance of bonus, high-value targets and other changes in the scene.

What makes this ride so addictive is the desire to improve your score and — more importantly — to beat the person beside you.

The only thing keeping people from riding Toy Story Mania! repeatedly on opening day was a lineup stretching halfway across Californialand.

But that's a testament to people's love affair with the characters from Toy Story. To soothe the wait, Disney created a giant Mr. Potato Head that acts as a carnival barker. It's able to say several lines of dialogue to people in line as well as remove a body part (his ear) and re-attach it.

According to Lasseter, Toy Story Mania! is the first instalment of a $1.1-billion, five-year plan to upgrade Disney's California Adventure, which opened in 2001. He said the next Disney movie to be turned into a ride will be Cars (2006).

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## This picturesque city in the north of England has a great mix of old and new

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News

**The ancient British city of York in the north of England combines history and culture with great shops, high quality restaurants and vibrant bars in a compact pedestrian centre. This picturesque destination is a short trip from Leeds Bradford airport. It was named European Tourist City of 2007 by travel trade body European Cities Marketing, beating Gothenberg and Valencia.**

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York Minster is the largest medieval gothic cathedral in northern Europe.

### Where to stay

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**Mid-range:**

**Farthings Guest House**
Set in a pretty Victorian house five minutes from town, this is excellent value for money. Set yourself up for the day with their full English breakfast. 5 Nunthorpe Avenue. *www.farthingsyork.co.uk*.

**Deluxe:**

**Marmadukes**
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### For more details

visityork.org

### What to see

The essential visitor attraction is York Minster, the largest medieval gothic cathedral in northern Europe. Other sites include the huge Railway Museum with its extensive collection of trains, the Castle Museum, and the Jorvik Viking Centre that recreates the sights, sounds and smells of York in 975AD. If the weather's good see York from the river on a cruise. *Yorkpass.com*.

### Where to shop

**Food:** York's foodie institution is Bettys, the elegant tea-room on St Helen's Square. Feast on a traditional afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream and home-made cakes, or try a 'fat rascal' pastry, Bettys' speciality. *bettys.co.uk*.

**Clothes:** York is full of independent boutiques. Visit Coggles for designers including Vivienne Westwood, Joseph, McQ and Nicole Farhi (*coggles.com*). For half-price Paul Smith, Ben Sherman and Burberry take the shuttle from the railway station to the York Designer Outlet (*yorkdesigneroutlet.com*).

**Music:** The largest selection of music is at Borders (1 Davygate), and for second hand and independent record stores visit Gillygate where you'll find Ark records at number 52.

**Souvenirs:** Browse the shops along the Shambles for tourist kitsch. For candles, novelty mugs, and unusual gifts visit Wild Hart at 21a Stonegate (*wildhart.co.uk*), and Mulberry Hall for classic British crystal and porcelain from Spode and Wedgewood. (*mulberryhall.co.uk*).

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York city walls, built by the Romans and used to quarantine the city against the Black Death in the middle-ages, have been defending York for two thousand years

### Where to eat

**Ate O'Clock:** This quirky, informal restaurant serves omelettes and savoury tarts for lunch, and imaginative dishes for dinner like Confit of Duck Leg on Bubble & Squeak with Chocolate & Chilli Sauce. 13a High Ousegate. *www.ateclock.co.uk.*

**Vanilla Black:** A Modern British fine dining vegetarian restaurant with a stylish 1930s look. The kitchen uses only high quality local ingredients for its inventive dishes including Yorkshire Feta and Tomato Wafer Salad or Yorkshire Blue Cheese 3 Ways. 26 Swinegate. *www.vanillablack.co.uk.*

**J. Baker's Bistro Moderne:** Probably the finest restaurant in York, and run by Michelin-starred chef Jeff Baker. By day there's the tapas-style grazing menu including Whitby Crab Salad or Scott's York Ham with hazelnut peas pudding. The dinner menu includes East Coast Fish Dumplings with marinated squid and Traditional Breed Pork Tenderloin with black pudding "cappuccino." Visit the Chocolate Room upstairs for specialist truffles, deserts and drinks with wines to match. 7 Fossgate. *Jbakers.co.uk.*

### Where to drink

**Biltmore Bar & Grill:** The former Pentecostal church has been transformed into York's most sophisticated bar. There's a bistro and high quality cocktail bar on the spacious ground floor, and champagne bar and restaurant on the upper level. Swinegate. Biltmorebarandgrill.com.

**The Yorkshire Terrier:** York's only brewery uses traditional methods to brew a selection of tasty beers, real ales and bitters. Drink them at the light and airy Yorkshire Terrier, one of their three pubs in town. 10 Stonegate. *Yorkbrew.co.uk.*

**Bluebell:** York's smallest pub, the Bluebell dates back to 1903. You won't find tourists in the pubs two tiny rooms, just locals working their way through an outstanding menu of bitters and ales. 53 Fossgate.

### Nightlife

**Kennedy's:** A contemporary bar and club on three levels, Kennedy's is great for after-shopping drinks, then live jazz and DJs playing soul, R&B and chart sounds to a casual crowd in the basement later on. 1 Little Stonegate. *www.kennedyscafebar.co.uk.*

**Vudu:** A trendy late night venue with a decadent black and red theme, Vudu boasts the biggest cocktail menu in town and flair barmen who flip, throw and balance bottles as they mix your Mojito. 37-39 Swinegate. *www.vuduloungе.co.uk.*

**The Gallery:** This long-established disco is open all week, and offers its young clubbers five bars and two dancefloors, with dance and chart hits on the main floor and R&B and urban in the basement. 12 Clifford Street. *www.galleryclub.co.uk.*

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# Beijing puts on its shiny best

## From English lessons to anti-spitting campaigns, city is determined to win us over

Faced with my blank look of incomprehension, the taxi driver took a deep breath and tried again.

"Ha-pi-tu-mi-te-yu," he intoned.

Wow, I thought, six years out of Beijing and a long-haul flight from Europe have turned my once almost fluent Chinese to mush.

Then, it hit me. This was English. "'Happy to meet you?'" I asked.

He beamed proudly.

Give Beijingers this much: They sure want Olympic visitors to feel right at home.

In the seven years since the Olympic movement anointed Beijing as host of the 2008 Summer Games, China's capital has undergone a transformation so thorough that "makeover" doesn't begin to describe the change.

English-language and anti-spitting lessons for the masses. Entire neighbourhoods ripped down and rebuilt. Cutting-edge Western architects let loose to create futuristic landmarks amid the forests of gleaming new towers. The ancient capital has taken on an edgy, neon-electric 21st-century frenetic feel.

You have to search harder — in back alleys that the wreckers' balls have yet to reach — for the quiet, intimate village-like atmosphere that long set Beijing apart from more cosmopolitan Hong Kong and Shanghai. In smoothing the rough edges, some charm has been lost.

First-timers and those who have not been here for a while may, like me, find the new Beijing a bit of a jolt. Who knew that the world had so many construction cranes, or produced so much concrete, glass and steel?

The shock of witnessing such voracious change leaves an unsettling feeling about whether the rest of the world can compete with a waking power as hungry as China. The immense scale on display seems designed to impress: The new Terminal Three at Beijing International Airport, where many travellers will arrive, is the world's largest.

The modernization makes Beijing easier to visit: Cash machines on many blocks; cool art galleries in old Soviet factories; hangouts for backpackers and swanky hotels for the well-heeled; late-night shopping; more clubs than even the most insomniac reveller could get through in a weekend; clean taxis; new buses; and more subway lines.

While the bicycle once ruled the roads, cars do now, and traffic is often snarled. If you're brave, rent a bike as the city is largely flat.

The food: Don't miss a meal. Restaurants are plentiful and generally clean, offering all varieties of Chinese cuisine and many foreign ones — a turnaround from a generation ago when food was scarce and eateries few and dingy. Many now display colour photos of their dishes, so no more point-and-hope ordering from menus that often used to be only in Chinese, and far fewer comical English mistakes. A favourite from the old days: A hole-in-the-wall that served fried carp, but got the "a" and the "r" in the wrong order. Like many old haunts, it is now gone, replaced by a new office building.

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Shoppers walk on Wangfujing Street, one of the primary shopping centres in Beijing.

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A Chinese girl wearing a traditional headdress poses for photos at the Temple of Heaven park in Beijing.

For sightseeing, new landmarks compete for time and attention with older marvels, like the sprawling and ancient Forbidden City — still a must-see.

The Olympic architectural jewel is the 91,000-seat, $450 million US National Stadium. It's a knockout to look at — bravo Switzerland-based architects Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron. Beijingers call it the Bird's Nest because of the latticework of steel beams wrapped around the exterior. It will host the opening and closing ceremonies and track and field events.

Visitors without Olympic tickets will only be able to admire it from afar. Venues and the areas around them will be sealed off for the Aug. 8-24 games.

The massive security Chinese officials are rolling out poses an Olympic-sized question: Will it kill off the fun, and feel like prison, seeing guys in uniform across the city? Could be. If you are not coming for the sport or for the Olympic experience, August may not be the most relaxed period to visit.

The upside is if a police officer does ask you to move on, there's a fair chance he'll be polite and understandable.

A pre-Olympic "Good Manners Campaign" promoted courtesy and orderly queuing and frowned on swearing, spitting and littering in public. One of the Beijing government's slogans, according to state media, was: "Spitting kills even more than an atomic bomb." Paper spit bags have been passed out. In three weeks here in May and June, I didn't hear anyone noisily clearing their throat in public — a once common sound.

Beijing authorities have also given English lessons to 400,000 people, state media say.

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### Olympic training
**language and etiquette**

Most taxi drivers, hotel employees and all Olympic volunteers have received etiquette and English training. More than 10,000 police officers received basic work-related "police" English and even some Japanese, Russian and Arabic training.

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# Cosplay it again

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Cosplayers dress up as their favourite fictional characters.

In the bowels of Taipei, beneath a bridge where homeless men nestle-in for a good night's sleep, there's a simple community centre. From the outside, it doesn't look like much but inside, the Infinitive Cosplay Theatre have gathered, eager to strut their imaginative hobby. There's an energy in the air as they get ready for this evenings practice.

The girls dab themselves with thick white powder, red face paint and a thick coat of black mascara. They fiddle with heavy wigs, adjust their robes and slip into character.

They are Cosplayers, a growing sub-culture of Taiwan's young generation. Cosplay, a combination of "costume" and "play," has people dressing up as their favourite fictional characters.

Rooted in Asia, this popular trend has found it's way around the world, including Canada. For the most part, costumes are inspired by Japanese anime and manga characters, but in Taiwan, the local youth have put their own spin on it.

Cosplayers dress as characters from PiLi Puppet Theatre, a traditional performance of wooden hand-puppets. This cultural phenomenon re-enacts Chinese legends of love, chivalry and heroism through the art of puppetry.

Though the hobby may be growing in popularity, it certainly isn't cheap, with costumes, fans, staffs and wigs costing an upwards of 21,000 Taiwan dollars ($700 Canadian).

Since the characters are copywritten, costumes aren't found in stores. You have to either make one yourself, or have it specially made-to-order by one of the few professionals in the city. Myao Ju Sheun Hwa has spent an upwards of 50,000 ($1600 Canadian) this year on her Cosplay hobby.

By day, she's a secretary at a local shipping company, by night, this 34-year-old dresses as a female goddess, donning a sheer gown and elaborate wig adorned with tulips. She is drawn to this PiLi character because "of her very kind and powerful personality."

Myao talks about the puppet characters with familiarity and affection, admiring their loyalty, good looks and martial arts skills. Her addiction to PiLi Puppet Theatre first started when she was a little girl, watching it on TV. Her love of this Taiwanese theatre caused her to join a fan club, where she met other like-minded addicts. It's this fan club that spawned the Infinitive Cosplay theatre.

With over 10 people in the group, the team practises their routines three days a week.

To the tune of wind chimes and a pan flute, they move about the space in a collective performance, re-enacting mock battles from ancient Chinese dynasties.

Their dance is interpretive. Their movements are carefully choreographed, with elements of kung fu.

Imagination takes these Cosplayers far from the urban reality of their humble surroundings. Rotating ceiling fans, stark white walls and unflattering fluorescent lighting all seem distant when the Coplay costumes come on and fantasy unfolds.

Julia Dimon co-hosts Word Travels, airing on OLN, and edits The Travel Junkie. She can be reached through www.thetraveljunkie.ca.

## More on Cosplay

For more information on the puppet theatre that inspired Taiwanese Cosplayers, visit *www.pili.com.tw/en/*

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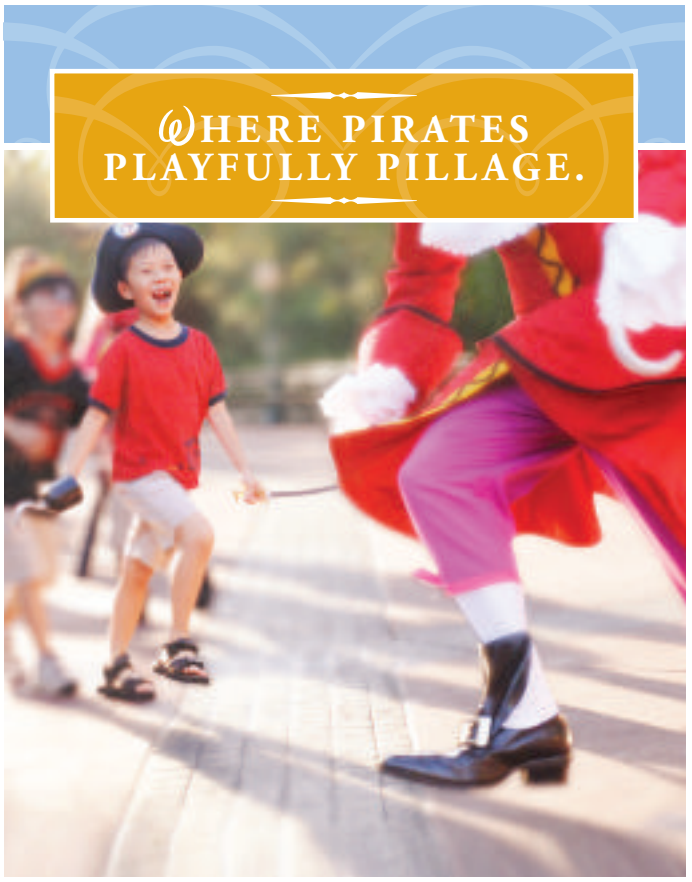


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# Nursing 'crisis' to escalate

## Continuing care industry may explode in the next few years as baby boomers retire

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

**With an aging population and not enough nurses entering the ranks to take care of them all, private and public health-care providers in Canada alike are bracing for a health-care crisis.**

Experts say the numbers of elderly people who need help with the daily acts of living most of us take for granted like getting groceries, making meals and keeping healthy are growing and too few nurses are being brought into the fold, especially among young people.

Kaaren Neufeld, president of the Canadian Nurses Association (CNA), says the numbers tell a worrying story — while the CNA recently succeeded in graduating more than 9,300 new nurses in a single year for the first time in three decades, Neufeld says the country needs closer to 12,000 new nurses each year.

"There is a shortage of health-care practitioners in this country and working with the frail elderly in this country is something there will continue to be a strong need for," Neufeld said.

As many aging boomers develop increasing nursing needs, Neufeld insists more emphasis on continuing care instead of cures will be needed.

Demand for nurses, who are already needed desperately in Canada, will increase dramatically in the coming years.

"We have to change the way health care is delivered in this country in order to meet the need of the population we're anticipating," Neufeld said.

Lisa Wiseman, president of private firm Eldercare Home Health Inc., which sends experienced registered nurses directly to elderly clients' own homes, says the lack of nurses is a problem not easily solved in the short term, since field experience is such a key part of successful nursing.

"Even if we graduated all the nurses we needed tomorrow, they still wouldn't have the experience. We're definitely heading into a crisis," Wiseman said.

A big problem has been attracting young female nurses, since traditionally few men choose to enter the field.

Before the women's liberation movement, most women chose to enter either nursing or teaching as professions.

Now that women are increasingly being accepted in the working world, Wiseman says it's only natural that many are choosing a wide variety of professions. With the average age of a registered nurse hovering at around 47 years old, it's also obvious that relatively few young women are choosing to become nurses.

**"Even if we graduated all the nurses we needed tomorrow, they still wouldn't have the experience. We're definitely heading into a crisis."**
Eldercare Home Health president Lisa Wiseman

Still, with demand high and supply low, enterprising students who feel a calling to care for others like Jenna Hoyt, 28, are putting two and two together pursuing their dream of nursing. Hoyt recently graduated from the University of Toronto's Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing and says her and her friends were being wooed to nursing positions almost instantly.

"From the moment we started nursing school, hospitals were lined up to recruit new nurses," Hoyt said.

Hoyt herself is heading to Ethiopia to provide nursing care and do humanitarian relief work and says of her friends who graduated, not one is still left looking for work.

"Anyone who wanted a job has a job. I actually feel a bit guilty leaving Canada because I know there's a shortage," she said.

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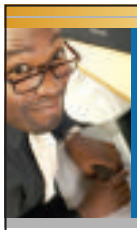

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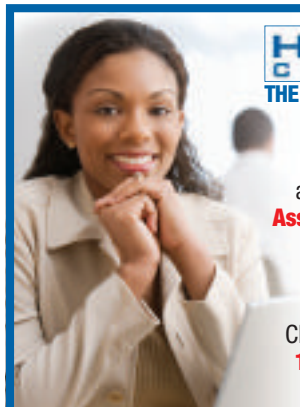

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### Pauline Cyr

**AGE 54** Pauline Cyr puts her language skills to work as a French translator for the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. A former newspaper editor for a Toronto French language newspaper, it was a job listing that alerted her to the posting. Now eight years with the organization, Cyr enjoys the daily projects that arise. Together with her husband, she helps abandoned cats find the perfect home in between cycling and reading.

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# Thinking big as a small business

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for Metro Canada

**North America's declining economy is highlighting problem areas in Canada's manufacturing sector.**

While small- and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) are often most affected by an economic struggle, preventive measures can be taken now to help these businesses with long-term success.

Cristina Falcone, communications manager and senior strategic co-ordinator at UPS Canada, works with SMBs to help them grow with the Canadian economy.

According to Falcone, UPS has invested more than $15 billion in technology over the last 15 years, placing a strong emphasis on the need for businesses to improve their tools.

"Our support is with anything with the objective for growth of (SMBs)," said Falcone.

While upgrading technology can help boost productivity, the cost can sometimes be too much for SMBs to handle.

But the Ontario government has funding programs to help some SMBs with the costs.

The Advanced Manufacturing Investment Strategy (AMIS) is a loan program offered by the government to help manufacturing businesses with investing in advanced technology.

"Upgrading technology is always an option. It reduces the cost of production and makes (businesses) more competitive," said Ontario Minister of Small Business and Entrepreneurship Harinder Takhar.

The government also offers the Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium, holding more than 90 government-funded training sessions to help companies from across Ontario "get lean," in an effort to improve efficiency and reduce costs.

In a slumping economy, small- and medium-sized businesses should have a nest egg to weather the storm.

"(The program) helps streamline businesses by reviewing their processes, waste reduction, production cost, manufacturing cycles and helps to reduce physical facilities," said Takhar.

While many of these programs exist without business owners being aware of them, they can be an important step to a successful business, says Takhar.

A new program being launched later this month by the government is the Global Expansion Program, offered to provide financial assistance for owners of Ontario SMBs to help develop international business markets.

"Look for markets other than the ones sold to before. Look for where the action is right now," said Takhar.

According to Takhar, there are significant business opportunities right now in developing countries, including India and the Middle East with vast opportunities in multiple industries, including construction.

But a common mistake made by SMBs is the resistance to third-party outsourcing. Getting caught up in their daily business routine is providing limitations on SMBs, says Falcone.

"To ensure success is to continue to go globally with businesses thriving in the economy and new markets," he says.

The decline in North America's economy, contributed to by the shift in the Canadian dollar and high cost of oil, is requiring SMBs to expand their markets and review their operations.

> **"To ensure success is to continue to go globally with businesses thriving in the economy and new markets."**
> Cristina Falcone

In order to re-evaluate their business systems, companies are looking toward streamlining their businesses to be more cost-effective.

"Internal efficiency is key (to a successful business), it's how employees can work smarter and not harder," said Falcone.

For businesses to not only survive an economic decline but also succeed, the smaller steps to change, including the repackaging of products, can help, according to Takhar.

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# Ignorance may lead to paid vacation

**Ignorance may be real. But sometimes it leads to a paid vacation.**

Fraught with personal problems, when busy season at work hit, equipment operator Brad Smith had little tolerance left. Despite supportive co-workers and comfortable patterns, a last-minute request to work overtime pushed Smith over the workplace ledge. Deciding that he needed time off work, Smith spoke to his supervisor, seeking assurance that he could leave. The response was swift: Smith was told to do "what you gotta do."

Believing this statement meant that he could simply pack up and leave, Smith left work — without indicating when he would return.

Without knowing where Smith was, and having failed in its various attempts to contact him, Smith's employer, the City of Ramara, considered Smith's absence to be misconduct and fired him. Smith responded by suing for wrongful dismissal.

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At trial, Ramara argued that it had taken appropriate steps to reach Smith and that it didn't have a duty to chase down an absent employee. But an Ontario court recently disagreed. Although Smith's hasty departure was irresponsible, Ramara did not have a written policy on vacation scheduling and its efforts to communicate with Smith while he was away were deemed haphazard by the judge. Ramara could have found Smith had it made the appropriate inquires, ruled the court.

Most importantly, the law of dismissal requires a consideration of context. Smith's actions, however foolish, were judged against his unblemished employment history and the personal problems he faced at the time. Had he been a short-term employee, with a history of absenteeism or misconduct, the result in this case might very well have been different.

The lessons for both employers and employees are clear:

- Workplace absenteeism should be judged against whether there is a history of similar problems, whether warnings were given and whether a policy specifically defines what the employee ought to have done.
- If a workplace policy exists, follow it with conviction. Flexibility in how a policy is interpreted may limit its enforcement value.
- Always consider any mitigating factors in determining whether, or what type of, discipline should be imposed. Don't learn of them, for the first time, after an employee has been fired.

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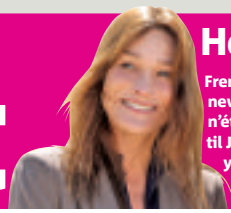

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French first lady Carla Bruni's new album Comme si de rien n'était won't be released until July 15, but starting today you can listen to it online at *carlabruni.com*. METRO

# Fresh take on exploration

## Journey To The Center Of The Earth takes big screen movie thrills underground

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Ever wondered what's out there? Or in there? Or even, under there?

Generations of moviegoers have. With Friday's release of Journey To The Center Of The Earth, the next generation of movie fans can explore other worlds.

"It already recalls something like Jurassic Park, where there's this notion of an unknown world that is discovered unwittingly," said Charlie Keil, director of the cinema studies institute at the University of Toronto.

"It has both the elements of exploration and suspense and surprise because of the various obstacles the explorers are going to find."

Getting a new perspective is a movie tradition. You've probably never seen Trip To The Moon from 1902, but perhaps you've heard the phrase "Where No Man Has Gone Before."

The Star Trek series started on the small screen, but went big in 1979. The new take of Journey To The Center Of The Earth, starring Brendan Fraser, is a modern spin on an old story. A 1959 version of the film starred Pat Boone. Both are based on the Jules Verne book published in 1864.

But our exploration fascination doesn't have to be on a grand scale.

Who could forget Hamilton's Martin Short cruising around in a li'l ship inside Dennis Quaid in 1987's Innerspace? Or Toronto's Rick Moranis as the flustered father in 1989's Honey, I Shrunk The Kids?

Journey To The Center Of The Earth takes a fresh look at the tradition of exploration on the big screen.

"You could say it's the same formula inverted, in a way," Keil said. "Rather than being exposed to something larger than expected, like a whole new world … cinema can show you things you didn't think were there … things that are suddenly magnified so we experience them differently."

Keil says one of the rules of exploration movies is the effectively melding "spectacle and narrative." He expects moviegoers will keep flocking to theatres to see what surprises are in store.

"Oh, definitely. With (Journey), it's being linked to the burgeoning re-exploration of the capacities of new 3-D technologies … everyone is saying the new 3-D technology is really quite convincing. So this kind of narrative will suit that technology to a T."

### 3-D in full effect

Journey To The Center Of The Earth is billed as the first live-action feature film shot and released entirely in digital 3-D. It opens in theatres on Friday.

# Best bets for today's Fringe Festival

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**1. Between Commutes**
Second City member David Raitt created a show based on the premise that, considering how much time we spend in transit — in cars, on subways, buses and trains — the balance of our lives is more like random filler. 12:30 p.m. St. Vladimir's, 620 Spadina Ave.

**2. A Girl Named Ralph**
Growing up in the embrace of an Italian-Canadian family in an Italian neighbourhood inspired Raffaella Diana, who riffs on the informality of living in a place where you can leave the house in your undershirt and slippers. 2:15 p.m. Robert Gill Theatre, 214 College St., third floor.

**3. One-Woman Show**
The gag, of course, is that this one-woman show is created by three guys, with Marco Timpano as the woman, reflecting on childbirth, PMS, the glass ceiling and more. 4 p.m. Robert Gill Theatre, 214 College St., third floor.

**4. The Barbecue King**
Cottage country is the setting for a musical battle of the grills between two rivals, as presented by Fringe Fest veterans Pea Green Theatre. 7 p.m. Miles Nadal J.C.C. (Room 318), 750 Spadina Ave.

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# Back to their roots

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**Goldfinger is ready to shake up Toronto with the return of original guitarist Charlie Paulson and the resurrection of a more old-school sound.**

HYPE MUSIC

Rock/ska/punk band Goldfinger will play a sold-out show at the Kool Haus tonight.

Scheduled to play a sold-out show at Toronto's Kool Haus tonight, Goldfinger drummer Darrin Pfeiffer says they're prepared to set the stage ablaze with a highly energized concert that will have fans talking for days.

"We're really excited. Every time we come to Toronto it's sold out, and the show just goes crazy from start to finish … we just love our Toronto fans," Pfeiffer tells Metro. "Canada seems to be one of our biggest markets in the world, when we play Canada, whether it's Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary, Toronto or anywhere in between, the fans just go crazy … and that pumps us up."

With a catalogue of a dozen years worth of records, the Southern California-based foursome is known for throwing one of the most exciting live rock shows in the business. And with its latest release, Hello Destiny, rendering amazingly well with its fans, Pfeiffer says they couldn't be in a better place.

"Our old guitar player, Brian, quit the band, which was sad and Charlie decided to come back to the band, which was awesome. We were all excited and really thrilled," he says. "He came back and it was almost as if he didn't miss a beat. He knew all the songs and was ready to go — the fences were mended that were broken in the past and he was all for it."

The roots of Hello Destiny's material come from Goldfinger rediscovering where it began. Though this rock band typically gets labelled as ska/punk, it is actually a whole lot more.

Hello Destiny incorporates a bit of pop, rock, ska, reggae, punk and metal — every song on the 11-track disc is diverse.

"We kind of get lumped in with that crowd and that genre and that's a mistake because we don't play that much ska/punk," says Pfeiffer. "We offer a little bit of everything … and it's all thrown in a blender and served in a nicely chilled glass with salt on the rim."

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## Burnett sued by ex-partner

**LAWSUIT** The producer of hit reality series Survivor and The Apprentice has been sued in Los Angeles by his former business partner. Conrad Riggs filed the lawsuit against Mark Burnett on Monday. Riggs claims he is owed more than $70 million US for his contributions to their joint efforts. The suit alleges the pair produced more than a dozen TV projects, and Burnett broke a long-standing agreement to pay Riggs 10 per cent of Burnett's profits. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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# Swingtown tries to hold ground

**GOING DOWN SWINGING:** ABC's ardent shot at putting quality cable programming in network prime time isn't going over so well with either critics or advertisers. Swingtown debuted just over a month ago in the unenviable summer slot that once meant contractual obligation and sure death for a show before HBO and Showtime began launching shows in the torrid months, and the subject matter — the games of sexual chicken adults played with each other in the greasy aftermath of the '60s — was supposed to see the transplanting of risqué cable content to prime time. Monday saw an Advertising Age story about the show getting stiffed by advertisers, who want to capture the attention of younger viewers, but are still afraid of alienating the older ones who — as recent studies have shown — are still network television's biggest viewer demographic.

"It is a shame," a media buyer told the magazine. "When the networks try to push the envelope a little and try to be more like HBO, the advertisers run away."

The closest thing to a rave the show's gotten so far is Matthew Gilbert in the Boston Globe, who says that after four episodes, it's "almost really good, or, said differently, good enough to reveal how really good it could be." Peter Ames Carlin is a little less lukewarm in his Idiot Box column in the Portland Oregonian (great name for a TV column by the way.)

Carlin calls the show a "disaster," while admitting that, as a child of the '70s, he really wanted it to work. He complains about the music first of all, and he's right — given a choice between something really interesting and the most obvious Top 40 shorthand for the era, the show goes for the latter. Even when they shoehorn a Dylan song into the story, it's the painfully obvious — and 12-year-old — It Ain't Me, Babe.

By 1976, there were 17 Dylan albums that could have been mined for a song, including the painfully apt Blood On The Tracks, which was only a year old at the time. Ditto for You Can't Always Get What You Want by the Rolling Stones — overused a long time ago as a quick, anthemic fix of adrenaline for too many soundtracks.

But the big problem is the characterization. Carlin points out the swinging Tom and Trina barely register as real people — Grant Show's Tom is really just a delivery system for his moustache. Bruce and Susan — the emotional core of the show, in theory — don't sell their sudden urge to spice up their marriage with a bit of spouse-swapping with any real success, mostly because they don't really seem all that into Tom or Trina, and as Susan's nagging nemesis, Miriam Shor's Janet is all shrew, all the time. Sensing that her prim disapproval was getting wearing, they got her wasted on pot brownies in episode four and practically remade the character between commercial breaks.

Finally, Carlin is right that the kids are the most interesting characters, probably because the people who created it were kids in the first year of the Carter presidency, when the adults were acting like kids and the kids felt positively middle-aged with prescient anxiety, but that might be too little, too late.

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**Susan and Bruce Miller (Molly Parker and Jack Davenport) in a scene from Swingtown.**

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

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| | 211 | 331 | 3 | GTV | ET Canada | Entertainment | The Office | Name Is Earl | NCIS (HDTV) | | ReGenesis | | News (N) |
| | 215 | 343 | 4 | OMN1 | Two/Half Men | The Simpsons | News (N) | | Vivere II | News (N) | The Simpsons | King of the Hill | Metropia |
| | 210 | 302 | 6 | CBC | Coronation St. | 22 Minutes | Little Mosque | Sophie | CBC News: the fifth estate | | CBC News: The National | | Stampede |
| | 214 | 344 | 7 | CITY | Friends | Hollywood | Make Me a Supermodel | | Rock of Love-Bret Michaels | | Entourage | Entourage | News (N) |
| | 212 | 313 | 8 | CTV | eTalk | Canadian Idol | So You Think You Can Dance The top 12. (N) | | | | CSI: NY (HDTV) | | News (N) |
| | 218 | 345 | 11 | CH | The Insider (N) | E! News | Zoe Busiek: Wild Card | | Janice Dickinson Modeling | | Celebrity Circus (N) | | News (N) |
| | 137 | 763 | 13 | TFO | Panorama été | Jardins | Ramsès, mystères dans la vallée des rois | | | Sharaku ★★ (1995, Drame) Hiroyuki Sanada, Shima Iwashita. | | | |
| | - | - | 14 | - | Law & Order: SVU | | News (N) | | News (N) | | King | King | Cold Case |
| | 213 | 326 | 15 | SUN | Scrubs | George Lopez | Wife Swap | | Footie: Part 1 | | To Serve and Protect | | Grill Rm. |
| | - | 387 | 16 | CBS | Inside Edition | Hollywood | Price Is Right Spectacular | | Criminal Minds (HDTV) | | CSI: NY (HDTV) | | News (N) |
| | - | 385 | 17 | NBC | The Insider (N) | Entertainment | The Baby Borrowers | | The Baby Borrowers (N) | | Celebrity Circus (N) | | News (N) |
| | - | 386 | 18 | ABC | Wheel-Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Wife Swap | | Supernanny | | Primetime: Crime | | News |
| | 219 | 346 | 20 | ACH-B | Wheel-Fortune | Degrassi: Next | Wife Swap | | Supernanny | | Law & Order (N) | | News (N) |
| | - | - | 28 | FOX | Judge Judy | Two/Half Men | So You Think You Can Dance The top 12. (N) | | | | Seinfeld | Two/Half Men | The Simpsons |
| | - | 388 | 61 | PBS | News-Lehrer | Mulberry | Great Lodges-Canadian | | Nova scienceNOW (N) | | Voyages of Discovery | | Business Rpt. |
| | 297 | 652 | 330 | WPX | Two/Half Men | Family Guy | America's Next Top Model | | Pussycat Dolls: Girlicious | | CW11 News at Ten | | Two/Half Men |
| | 296 | 654 | 331 | SBK | Wheel-Fortune | Jeopardy! (N) | Dr. Phil (N) | | News (N) | Jeopardy! | Frasier | Frasier | Cheers |
| | 298 | 653 | 332 | TLA | Reba | Reba | My Wife-Kids | According-Jim | Family Guy | Family Guy | Two/Half Men | Two/Half Men | Next Model |
| news | 502 | 390 | 26 | NW | News (N) | Fortune | The Hour (N) | | CBC News: The National | | Please Vote for Me (2007) | | National |
| | 500 | 500 | 33 | CNN | Lou Dobbs Tonight | | CNN Election Center | | Larry King Live | | Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) | | |
| | 509 | 504 | 79 | CNB | Kudlow & Company | | The Suze Orman Show | | American Greed | | The Big Idea With Deutsch | | Mad Money |
| sports | 405 | 417 | 22 | net | Poker | | European Poker Tour | | Best Damn Sports Show | | Sportsnet Connected | | Sportsnet Con. |
| | 400 | 400 | 30 | TSN | MLB Baseball Baltimore Orioles at Toronto Blue Jays. From Rogers Centre in Toronto. | | | | | | SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live) | | |
| | 411 | 457 | 58 | OLN | Departures | | Cycling Tour de France Stage 5. From Cholet to Chateauroux, France. (N) | | | | | | Word Travels |
| | 417 | 406 | 81 | SC | Pinks (HDTV) | Pass Time | Unique Whips | | Pinks (HDTV) | Pinks Outtakes | Pass Time | Pass Time | Pinks (HDTV) |
| family | 551 | 542 | 25 | YTV | Malcolm-Mid. | Prank Patrol | Fries That? | Futurama | Prank Patrol | Mystery Hnt. | Falcon Beach | | Mystery Hnt. |
| | 554 | 544 | 45 | TEL | George-Jungle | Merrie Melody | Loonatics | 6teen | Total Drama | Futurama | Hellboy: Blood and Iron (2007, Fantasy) | | |
| | 556 | 540 | 51 | FAM | That's-Raven | Smart Guy | Zack & Cody | Natural-Sadie | Han. Montana | Life Derek | Ned's School | Cory in House | Zack & Cody |
| cable variety | 602 | 567 | 27 | W | Will & Grace | Friends | Shopping Bags | Style by Jury | Smart Cookies | Stuck (N) | Coleen's Real Women | | Stuck |
| | 570 | 580 | 29 | MM | Gone Wild | Gone Wild | Instant Star | Instant Star | The Shift | | America's Best Dance Crew | | |
| | 615 | 520 | 31 | A&E | CSI: Miami | | The First 48 (HDTV) | | Bounty Hunter | Bounty Hunter | Criss Angel | Criss Angel | Criss Angel |
| | 700 | 800 | 35 | TLN | Centrovetrine | Sky TG 24 | L'Avvocato Porta | | | | The Sopranos (SS) | | Raymond |
| | 571 | 581 | 36 | MMM | mmmtop | Popaganda | | Back In | Tip of Tongue | Tip of Tongue | Don't Forget the Lyrics! | | Uncovered |
| | 575 | 583 | 38 | CMT | CMT30 "Dauphin 2008" (N) | | The Ultimate Coyote Ugly Search | | | Hope & Faith | Home Improve. | Roseanne | Totally "2002" |
| | 616 | 521 | 39 | SHO | ReGenesis (HDTV) | | Da Vinci's Inquest | | Trailer Park | Rent-A-Goalie | Big Love "Eclipse" | | House |
| | 620 | 523 | 40 | BVO | Literature Alive | Arts & Minds | Wingfield | Camera | Mad Men "5G" | | Entourage | Bravonews | Law & Order |
| | 601 | 562 | 41 | SLC | End of Leash | Til Debt-Part | X-Weighted | | Work Out | | Inside Hollywood (DVS) | | X-Weighted |
| | 522 | 506 | 43 | HIS | NCIS "Caught on Tape" | | Re-Inventors | Re-Inventors | Mob Stories | | NCIS "Caught on Tape" | | Crime Stories |
| | 625 | 548 | 44 | COM | Air Farce | 22 Minutes | Laughs | Corner Gas | The Simpsons | South Park | Lewis Black | Tom Green | Daily Show |
| | 600 | 564 | 46 | H&G | House Hunters | Property Virgin | Property Shop | Big City Broker | Property Virgin | Unsellable | Flipping Out | | Holmes-Homes |
| | 294 | 529 | 47 | TBS | Family Guy | Family Guy | The Whole Ten Yards ★ (2004, Comedy) Bruce Willis. | | | | Frasier | Seinfeld | Friends |
| | 576 | 582 | 49 | BET | 106 & Park | The Boot | Access | Baldwin Hills | How to Be a Player ★ (1997, Comedy) Bill Bellamy. | | | | The Boot |
| | 627 | 528 | 50 | SPC | Stargate SG-1 | | Star Trek: Voyager | | Smallville "Wrath" | | Supernatural | | Stargate SG-1 |
| | 581 | 566 | 52 | MTV | MTV e2 | Cribs | 4REAL | Next | The Real World | | The Real World | | MTV Live |
| | 618 | 524 | 54 | TROP | TV Made, Do It | TV Made, Do It | ET Canada | What Happen? | Family Guy | Seinfeld | Seinfeld | Frasier | Family Guy |
| | 603 | 561 | 56 | FOOD | Road Grill | Licence to Grill | Restaurant Makeover | | Iron Chef America | | The Next Food Network Star | | Challenge (N) |
| | 261 | 394 | 60 | V | Murder, She Wrote | | Chambers | No Place Like | Jeeves and Wooster | | Captive: The Story of Esther | | Side Effects |
| | 621 | 527 | 63 | STR | Look-A-Like | Hollywood | TMZ (N) | eTalk | Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew | | The Tonight Show-Jay Leno | | eTalk |
| | 553 | 546 | 65 | TRE | Wonder Pets | Nght Grdn | The Wiggles | Franklin | Little Bear | Miss Spider | Comfy Couch | Rolie Polie Olie | Beren. Bears |
| | 115 | 711 | 101 | TVA | Marché | Vidéos | Spécial François Léveillée | | Esprits criminels (HDTV) | | TVA 22 heures | Juste pour rire | Sucré-salé |
| | 126 | 730 | 102 | RDI | RDI en direct | 400 fois Qué | Grands reportages (SC) | | Le Téléjournal (SC) | | RDI en direct | Le National | Le Téléjournal |
| | 526 | 507 | 249 | CLT | The West Wing | | Peter the Great | | | | Traders | | The West Wing |
| | 300 | 601 | 301 | M1 | (6:45) Hairspray ★★★ (2007, Musical Comedy) | | | | Ocean's Thirteen ★★★ (2007, Comedy-Drama) | | | | Grindhouse |
| | 305 | 612 | 306 | PIX | Family of Cops | (7:20) Breach of Faith: Family of Cops II | | | Two Minute Warning ★★ (1976, Suspense) | | | | Stowaways |

critics' corner

**Supernatural**
Who knew vampires had their own version of a date-rape drug? Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) meet a female vampire (Mercedes McNab, "Buffy the Vampire Slayer") who has no idea how she got that way. Turns out there's a vampire dude (Matthew Humphreys) who's hitting the bars and giving women blood cocktails. He also works his magic on Gordon (Sterling K. Brown), 10 PM on SPC

**Wife Swap**
Religious differences are at the heart of this episode, but it's not the Christians against the pagans or the atheists this time. Both wives call themselves devout Christians, but Lee-Ann and her family are conservatives who take the Bible literally and home-school the kids, while Kim and her stay-at-home hubby practice a more liberal interpretation. Neither husband takes kindly to the changes wrought by the swap ... one even cries. 8 PM on ACH-B

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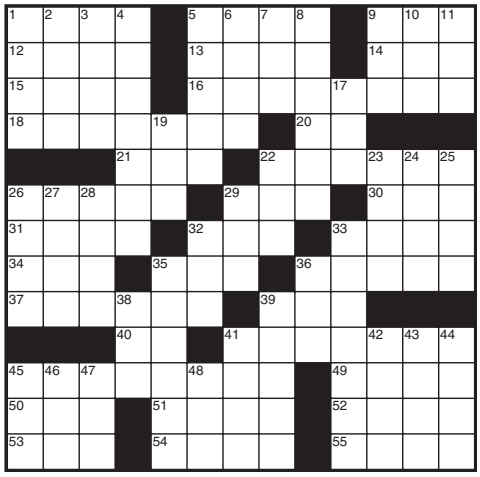
**Former Village People** lead singer Victor Willis is recovering in hospital following vocal cord surgery. Willis, the band's original policeman, had surgery at a San Diego, Calif., hospital on Monday to remove nodules from his vocal cords. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Take Five



## Crossword across

1 Big handbag
5 "Slither" actor
9 Experiment room
12 Friendly
13 Trevi Fountain coins
14 Ogle
15 Flapjack chain
16 Acting as host
18 Rainspouts
20 Author — Lawrence
21 Variety
22 Medieval clown
26 Floats downriver
29 Passing fashion
30 Whiskey grain
31 Yard sale caution (2 wds.)
32 Evergreen
33 Aloe —
34 Was in front
35 Church seat
36 Fiddled idly
37 Fish baskets
39 Zip
40 Maiden loved by Zeus
41 Clustered
45 Deep space event
49 Candy-striper
50 Rover's greeting
51 Fencing sword
52 Fritz's refusal
53 Authorize
54 — ex machina
55 Inspired poetry

## Crossword down

1 Stick
2 Molokai neighbor
3 Quick pace
4 Pours out
5 Store employee
6 Prepares to fire
7 Eyebrow shape
8 Lacked
9 Flower garland
10 Rand of "Atlas Shrugged"
11 Panhandle
17 Codgers' queries
19 PGA's Ernie —
22 Gossip
23 Low card
24 Rochester's Jane
25 — my lips!
26 Greenish mineral
27 Computer owner
28 Wait awhile
29 Not many
32 Of course!
33 Cascade Range peak
35 Made furrows
36 Sardines holder
38 Frankfurt single
39 Heats in the microwave
41 Gourmet cheese
42 Got a move on
43 McClurg or Brickell
44 Lairs
45 Bad, for Yves
46 Natural resource
47 Many times
48 Gorilla or chimp

previous day's answer

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## Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

### ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Unfinished business must be cleared up. A man will make hesitant moves. Answer an interrogator with frankness.

### TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't do anything just to continue a relationship. Someone will annoy everyone. A bad job is closer to completion.

### GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Fulfil all your tasks but don't wear yourself out. Peace of mind is hard to find. Unexpected news makes the rounds.

### CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A love affair will ripen. A rushed guy will get nasty. You're better off to take responsibility and admit to any mistakes.

### LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Wait two days before reaching out for love. Contact will be made with a shady character. Prepare to pick up where you left off.

### VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Use cunning to find a way around obstructions. A sweetheart will give an ultimatum. A dependency might break a bad connection.

### LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A celestial alliance occurs in a romance. A jolly visitor brings good luck. Your self-denial won't alter a concept of reality.

### SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
There will be a spat with a petty person. A brief financial problem must be withstood. A child interferes with your playing.

### SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
A friend needs help when challenging ethical codes. You'll empathize with a comical gnome. Anticipate a celebration.

### CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Risk being honest about your flaws. A digression will only distract an adversary temporarily. Contacting a loser will help with a job.

### AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Good news about a rapid recovery will come. Prepare for a blip in your routine. You won't be held back by an astonishing request.

### PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Mistakes are made but don't take it to heart. Steer clear of a menacing manager. Your truthfulness is keeping you out of the loop.

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## Sudoku

**INSTRUCTIONS:**
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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**SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:**

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| Under 13 . . . . . | Genius |
| 13-17 . . . . . | Scholar |
| 17-21 . . . . . | Smart |
| 21-25 . . . . . | Not bad |
| 25+ . . . . . | Keep practising |

## Toronto weather

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| Afternoon | Tonight | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Partly cloudy. 26° | Clear. 13° | Mainly sunny. 23°/ 11° | Mainly sunny. 27°/ 17° | 40% Showers. 28°/ 20° |

**Temperature**
**Normals**
High: 27.2°
Low: 14.8°

**Records**
High: 36.4°/1988
Low: 7.8°/1942

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Moonrise: 1:20 p.m.

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**Jada Pinkett Smith** has called in Hollywood's Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan to train her pets to avoid rattlesnakes. The actress was devastated when her beloved pooch Rocco died after a rattlesnake attack and she now feels compelled to make sure her other dogs stay away from danger. IMDB.COM

# Celebrity Buzz

## McConaughey first-time father

**FATHERHOOD** Hollywood star Matthew McConaughey and his girlfriend are "elated" after the birth of their first child, a baby boy, *imdb.com* reports.

Brazilian model Camila Alves gave birth to a seven-pound, four-ounce son at 6:22 p.m. in Los Angeles on Monday, the actor's representative Alan Nierob confirms to *people.com*.

In a statement to OK! magazine, McConaughey says, "Camila and I were side-by-side the entire time.

"We are both tired and elated, and are so happy to have created the greatest miracle in the world — having a child and making a family. Now comes the greatest adventure — raising one together."

The Wedding Planner star announced the news he and Alves were expecting on his official website in January.

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## Moss boots boyfriend out

**BREAK-UP** Kate Moss' relationship with Jamie Hince is rumoured to be on the rocks, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The supermodel — who started dating the The Kills guitarist last summer — reportedly had a blazing row on Saturday and the rocker has now started moving his possessions out of her North London home.

A source told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper: "Kate made some comment about a girl who had been hanging around Jamie and it deteriorated from there. Just hours later, Jamie was packing his things and moving stuff out of her house. By the afternoon, most if it had gone."

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### celebrity brief

#### Lohan given ring by Samantha

**GIFT** Lindsay Lohan has been given a $22,000 "commitment" ring by girlfriend Samantha Ronson, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports. The actress was taken shopping by the DJ last week to celebrate her 22nd birthday and was thrilled when Sam splashed out on the stunning piece of jewelry.

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#### Prince building house in Africa

**CHARITY** Prince Harry is once again raising a hand to help the AIDS-stricken African nation of Lesotho, this time building a special-needs school with his army buddies from the Household Cavalry's Blues and Royals regiment, *people.com* reports. Harry, 23, says he hopes the facility in the northern town of Butha Buthe will be the first of many that can be provided by his Sentebale charitable foundation, reports Britain's Telegraph.

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### celebrity brief

#### Allen and Simons together again

**ROMANCE** Lily Allen is dating Chemical Brothers star Ed Simons again, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

The singer, 23, is believed to have reconciled with the 38-year-old after revealing she is no longer single on the Facebook social networking website Monday.

Both Lily and Ed — who ended their three-month relationship earlier this year shortly after Lily suffered a miscarriage — altered the status on their personal profiles to "in a relationship." The couple were then swamped with messages of congratulations from friends. The reunited couple have been spotted together on numerous occasions in recent weeks.

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#### Jolie wants natural birth: Doc

**CHILDBIRTH** Pregnant Angelina Jolie is holding steady — and enjoying reruns of Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman. Dr. Michel Sussmann told *starmagazine.com* that Angelina hopes the babies will be born naturally — not via C-section.

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#### Ashlee freaks about pounds

**BODY IMAGE** Four-months-pregnant Ashlee Simpson-Wentz has become Little Miss Obsessive about her new baby body, *starmagazine.com* reports. The pop singer is so surprised she's gained so much so fast — 20 pounds already — that she's working out six days a week with Mike Alexander, sister Jessica's ex trainer. She's doing low-impact exercises, such as riding the stationary bike and Pilates.

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**Irish actor Colin Farrell** was so embarrassed after crashing into a neighbour's parked car, he left an apologetic note for its owner. In a handwritten note left for the car's owner, Farrell left his contact details and wrote: "Did a bad thing! Deepest apologies. Of course my insurance will cover it. Again, regrets." **IMDB.COM**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Barrymore and Long break up

**RELATIONSHIPS** Hollywood couple Drew Barrymore and Justin Long have split less than four months after the actress cooed about her lover on TV talk show Oprah, *imdb.com* reports.

Back in March, the Charlie's Angels star told TV host Oprah Winfrey she was mad about Long.

She said her romance with the Dodgeball actor was "healthy, productive, supportive and full of humour."

A spokesman for Barrymore tells America's Star magazine, "I can confirm the split but have no other comment."

The couple started dating in August after meeting on the set of upcoming movie He's Just Not That Into You.

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# Cynthia's spiteful spending

**DIVORCE** Pals of Alex Rodriguez are speaking out against his wife Cynthia — a day after she alleged infidelity in her divorce papers, *usmagazine.com* reports.

One friend tells New York's Daily News that she spent close to $100,000 on his credit cards to punish him for his relationship with Madonna. (Cynthia's attorney said they had an "affair of the heart.")

"She's been spending wildly," the pal tells the paper.

After the scandal broke, the pal says Cynthia flew to Paris and "had spa treatments (and) went to the best restaurants" — all on A-Rod's dime.

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### Carrell steps in for Hathaway query

**PRESS** Personal questions were strictly forbidden at the Italian premiere of Get Smart on Monday — but that didn't stop one reporter from asking the movie's star, Anne Hathaway, "Was the separation from your ex-boyfriend painful?"

The actress's former flame, Raffaello Follieri, remains in prison, awaiting trial on a dozen counts of wire fraud conspiracy and money laundering. And while Hathaway, 25, has continued with her publicity tour, she has steadfastly refused to discuss the split. After the reporter lobbed the question, Hathaway remained silent and attempted a faint smile,

*people.com* reports. But, as if on cue, her costar Steve Carell valiantly stepped in to declare: "In my role of agent (for) Miss Hathaway, I would like to say that she does not answer questions relating to this subject."

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### Britney video for Madonna tour

**MUSIC** The last time Britney Spears and Madonna shared a stage together (at the 2003 MTV Video Music Awards) they nearly set the place on fire with their steamy on-stage kiss. Mow they may get together again for Madonna's Sticky & Sweet tour, an insider told E! News Online. "(Britney) is considering doing a video piece for Madonna's tour," the insider says.

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### Mendes snaps back in interview

**TREATMENT** Eva Mendes, who quietly admitted herself into treatment at the Cirque Lodge in Utah in January, snapped at a reporter for Interview magazine who joked that Alcoholics Anonymous would have to be changed to Alcoholics Unanimous because of the prevalence of problems in Hollywood. "I'm not making jokes, because people die from this stuff," she says in the interview. "So, honestly, I think it's a bit tacky that you made a joke. I've got to be honest." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

### Swift tears up at Kidman's baby news

**BIRTH** Sunday Rose Kidman Urban is only a day old — but she's already a superstar in the country music world, *people.com* reports.

Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban welcomed the newborn Monday morning in Nashville. And ever since then, their famous friends have been quick to offer congratulations.

Taylor Swift was vacationing in Hawaii when she got the news, and she excitedly took to her blog. "Even just thinking about it now, I'm tearing up because I'm so happy for them," she wrote on her MySpace page.

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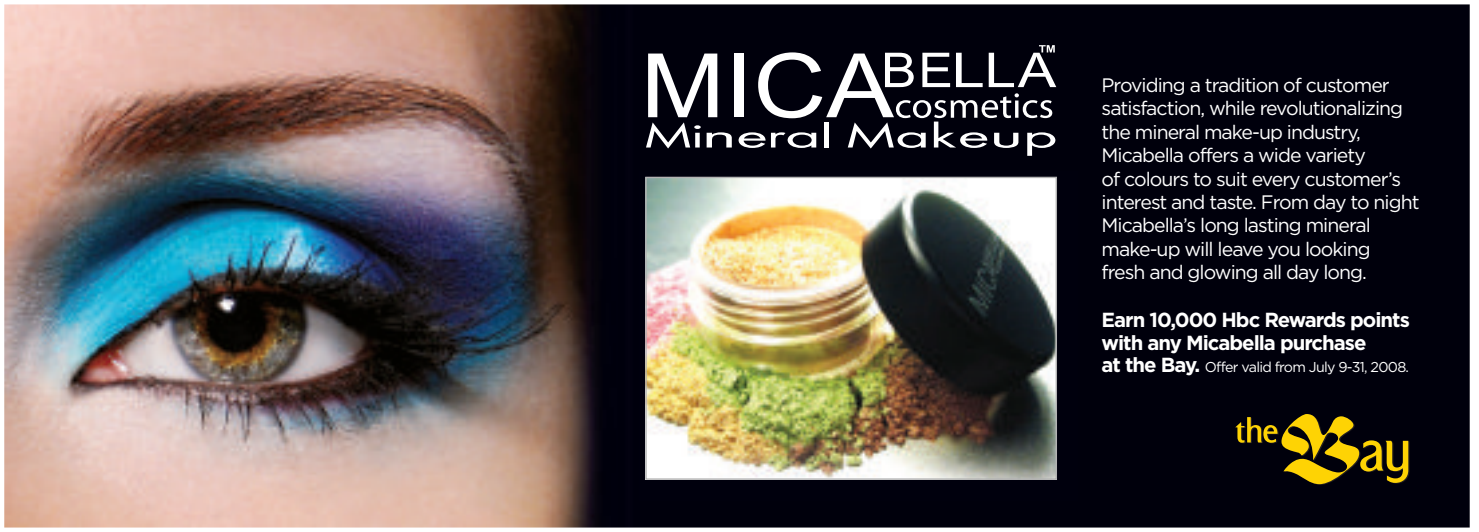
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